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## TAKING THE BOMBS AWAY



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A 4,000-pound, World War II-era British "Blockbuster" bomb was discovered by explosives experts surveying a field adjacent to the U.S. Army's Del Din base in Vicenza, Italy, in October. It is the largest of some 133 bombs found in the area, and has been under constant police guard since then, covered with a wooden box and surrounded by monumental Hesco barriers. See story on Page 3.

## Abdullah increases lead in latest Afghan election results

By HEATH DRUZIN  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — With roughly half the votes counted in Afghanistan's presidential election, a rival of Hamid Karzai has opened up a commanding lead, although still below the majority needed to avoid a run-off ballot.

Crucially, the votes counted were all "clean," meaning they are not the subject of complaints that could later disqualify them, Mohammad Yousuf Nouristani, director of the Independent Election Commission, said

on Sunday. In the 2009 presidential election, more than 1 million votes were thrown out due to fraud and other irregularities.



### Ballot in the balance

controversial election to Karzai in 2009, garnered 44.4 percent of the votes, with for-

In the latest results, Abdullah Abdullah, a former foreign minister who lost a

mer finance minister Ashraf Ghani getting 33.2 percent.

Karzai, Afghanistan's only president since the U.S. invasion ousted the ruling Taliban in 2001, is barred by the constitution from running for another term.

The results were based on nearly 3.5 million votes counted so far. Election officials estimate that 7 million Afghans went to the polls on April 5. The final results are scheduled to be released May 14.

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## Asia wants assurances from Obama during visit

By JULIE PACE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As President Barack Obama travels through Asia this coming week, he will confront a region that's warily watching the crisis in Ukraine through the prism of its own territorial tensions with China.

Each of the four countries on Obama's itinerary — Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines — has disputes with China over is-

lands and waters in the South and East China seas. Their leaders will be weighing Obama's willingness to support them if those conflicts boil over.

"What we can say after seeing what happened to Ukraine is that using force to change the status quo is not acceptable."

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

is not acceptable," said Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, whose country is in one of the fiercest disputes with China.

Administration officials, including Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, have taken a tougher line on the territorial issues in recent weeks, sternly warning China against the use of military force and noting that the U.S. has treaty obligations to defend Japan in particular.

In an attempt to maintain good relations with China, the U.S. has not formally taken sides on the question of which countries should control which islands.

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**"You're just shocked. The VA turned him away, not once; it turned him away twice."**

— Al Grasch, lawyer for the family of Cameron Anestis, a Marine who committed suicide after being refused service at two VA facilities in Kentucky while seeking help for mental and emotional problems

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## MIDEAST

# Results: Election chief slams candidates' 'horse trading'

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If no candidate receives a majority in the first round, the top two vote-getters will square off in a run-off election. In that scenario, the support and endorsements of also-ran candidates could prove crucial, with the third- and fourth-place candidates combining for 17 percent of the vote so far.

There have been reports of behind-the-scenes negotiations between some candidates about throwing their support to one of the frontrunners. At a news conference announcing the results, Nouristani condemned such deals.

"As far as this horse-trading, of course this is not a good thing in any country in the world, but what can you do?" he said. "I don't have any legal method to stop this."

There's also been talk of a possible negotiated settlement to avoid a potentially contentious run-off, which could



raise ethnic tensions because Ghani is an ethnic Pashtun and Abdullah is a Tajik.

"Whatever the results of the process, it should be something that brings the country together," one Western official said.

The rise of Abdullah, who has been sharply critical of the president, has dampened concerns about Karzai's meddling in the electoral process.

"The election turned into a real political contest, despite initial worries that the whole process might be rigged in favor of a candidate with support from the presidential palace," said Graeme Smith, senior Afghanistan analyst for the International Crisis Group.

Still, many remain skeptical about the vote-counting process, and independent election monitors have criticized both the Independent Election Commission and the Independent Electoral Complaints Commission, the main body responsible for resolving complaints of voting irregularities.

While observers have been al-



HOSHANG HASHIMI/AP

Afghan ballot counters read instructions on how to count and register votes in Herat province on Sunday.



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Ahmad Yousuf Nouristani, chairman of the Independent Election Commission, speaks Sunday during a news conference in Kabul.

lowed to see the vote counting, they have been largely shut out of meetings of both electoral bodies dealing with how they are adjudicating complaints, a process that potentially could lead to the disqualification of hundreds of thousands of ballots, according to

Jandad Spinghar, director of the Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan, the country's largest independent election observer group.

"In that case, we still have a problem and we are trying to convince the IEC and ECC to give us

access," he said.

Nouristani brushed aside such criticisms, saying the vote counting is being done in a transparent manner.

"We promise we will safeguard the trust of the Afghan people who participated in the vote on election day," he said.

The election, which would mark the first democratic transfer of power in Afghanistan's history, is crucial not only to the stability of the war-ravaged nation, but also to the legacy of the U.S.-led war here, which has dragged on inconclusively for more than 12 years and has seen support in Western countries plummet.

While early reports reflected a largely violence-free election, Afghan and U.S. military officials later said there was widespread violence in rural areas on election day.

The Taliban staged a series of attacks in Kabul in the lead-up to the vote, though none in the capital on election day.

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## EUROPE

# Italian city to be evacuated for bomb disposal

## World War II-era, 4,000-pound explosive discovered last year near US Army base in Vicenza

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — Tens of thousands of city residents and U.S. soldiers here will evacuate their homes, offices and barracks Thursday as military explosives experts, seasoned by duty in Afghanistan, attempt to disarm a gargantuan bomb that was among thousands dropped during a single Allied mission 70 years ago.

The 4,000-pound British “Blockbuster” bomb rests in what’s now a field adjacent to the U.S. Army’s Del Din base, formerly Dal Molin airport, which in 1944 was controlled by the German air force and Benito Mussolini’s Italian Republican National Air Force.

Since its discovery in October, the bomb has been under constant police guard. Over the past six months, the Italian army has built five huge blast walls made of soil and green Hesco barriers.

Explosives experts from the 2nd Regiment of the Julia Alpine Engineers and veterans of many Afghanistan deployments were enthusiastic about the job.

“One as big as this, we’ve never done before,” said Lt. Giovanni Contini. “It’s a challenge for us.”

The most dangerous part will be removing the bomb’s three fuses, the engineers said. If that’s not possible, the plan is to shoot hot water at high pressure into the bomb to “melt” the explosives before hauling it away to a cave.

They’ve named their mission — out of respect, they said, for its British origin and age — Operation Old Lady.

Local officials were looking forward to getting the bomb out of the ground and away, despite the cost — about \$2 million — and disruption — a day-long evacuation of the 30,000 or so residents within about 2 miles of the site.

“We have to do it,” said Vicenza Prefect Eugenio Solda.

Del Din, home to the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, is to be evacuated by 6 a.m., except for emergency crews, and most of its soldiers will get the day off. Army officials planned trips and a variety of activities.

“Nothing, pretty much, can go wrong,” Maj. Dennis Williams, plans officer for U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, said at a town hall meeting this month.

That confidence is widely shared.

“This is my third bomb,” Solda said. “Usually, everything goes as planned.”

The bomb is by far the biggest of 133 found by experts in the area, which is to be developed as a “peace park” to placate Vicenza citizens who opposed the creation of Del Din.

It was one of a staggering 16,000 bombs dropped on or around the former airport Nov. 17-18, 1944, by more than 100 Allied aircraft.

It was a sort of devil house that night,” said 2nd Regiment Lt. Col. Mauro Altieri. The British Royal



PHOTOS BY NANCY MONTGOMERY/Stars and Stripes

Journalists trek out to the site where a giant World War II-era bomb was found in a field near the U.S. Army’s Del Din base in Vicenza, Italy.

More photos of bomb-disposal preparations in Vicenza  
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Air Force bombed at night; U.S. bombers followed by day.

Dal Molin and Aviano were among four airports targeted that night, according to “BF 109 Aces of North Africa and the Mediterranean,” a book about Axis fighter pilots. Strategic bombing, in which nonmilitary targets are hit, was used extensively by the Allies in World War II, including in Italy, even after it switched to the Allied side in 1943.

“Since German forces were in occupation, northern and central Italy remained a target for allied bombing until the very last days of the war,” British historian Richard Overy writes in his new book, “The Bombers and the Bombed: Allied Air War Over Europe 1940-1945.”

“Throughout the campaign, the political necessity of defeating Germany overrode any political considerations toward the population held hostage on the battlefield,” Overy writes. By his account, some 60,000 Italian civilians were killed by bombs, either because, as often happened, the bombs missed their target, or because population centers were targeted.

Blockbuster bombs, used only by the British Royal Air Force, were basically huge cylinders full of explosives, designed for their



This 4,000-pound bomb dropped by the British Royal Air Force on Vicenza in 1944 is to be defused on Friday.

blast effect to cause damage to buildings. In particular, they were supposed to blow off roofs so incendiary bombs could reach the building interiors.

The British believed bombing Italian civilians would cause them to revolt against their Fascist government and their German colleagues-turned-occupiers, Overy writes. The bomber pilots and crews were themselves at great risk of death, Overy writes, either from enemy defenses or, more often, accidents, bad weather or mechanical failure.

Another 4,000-pound unexploded Blockbuster — found in Vicenza’s city cemetery in 2001



Media were invited to visit the site of a World War II-era bomb on Wednesday and briefed on plans for defusing and removing it.

— dated from the same November 1944 bombing raid as the one now near Del Din, according to local military historian Giuseppe Versolato. Some 500 Vicenza citizens were killed in the Allied bombings, he said.

Removal of the cemetery bomb required the evacuation of two-thirds of the city, or 77,000 people.

April 25 happens to be Liberation Day. That’s Italy’s national holiday commemorating the day in 1945 when Italian partisans seized power from Mussolini’s fascist government in the north, a puppet regime of Nazi Germany,

marking the end of the war for Italy.

“Many people still remember,” Vicenza Mayor Achille Variati said of Italy’s suffering in World War II, although he said the subject had only recently been introduced in schools.

But if the evacuation for the bomb removal brings up bitter memories, it also provides opportunity, he said, to train for emergencies and practice public safety measures, and as a reminder “of the great value peace brings.”

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## MILITARY



JOHN LANDRY/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

## Keeping watch in Afghanistan

U.S. Army Spc. Josh Lueken provides security Friday at Observation Post English in Afghanistan's Logar province. Lueken is assigned to the 10th Mountain Division's Company B, 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

## Asia: Analyst says nations 'very scared' by US decision not to launch strike on Syria

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Analysts say there are concerns that China could be emboldened by the relative ease with which Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine over U.S. objections, as well as the very real possibility that Moscow could take more land. Moreover, some in Asia question Obama's ability to follow through on his security pledges in light of his decision last summer to pull back on plans for a military strike against Syria.

"The heavyweights in the region got very scared by the Syrian decision," said Douglas Paal, a longtime U.S. diplomat in Asia who now is vice president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "They've never seen anything like that. They've always counted on strong executives bringing the Congress along or going around the Congress to make sure that our security guarantees will be honored."

Obama's advisers say they see little evidence thus far that China has been encouraged by Russia's incursions into Ukraine. Instead, they say Beijing appears to be viewing with concern the Kremlin's attempts to sway pro-Russian populations in areas of Ukraine, given China's own restive minority populations in border regions.

U.S. officials also have tried to keep China from supporting Russia's moves in Ukraine by appealing to Beijing's well-known and vehement opposition to outside intervention in other nations' domestic affairs. Officials say they plan to emphasize that stance when they discuss Asia's territo-

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rial disputes with regional leaders this week.

"We have been talking with them about the importance of a strong international front to uphold principles that they and we all hold dear, the sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations, the need for peaceful resolution of disputes," said Susan Rice, Obama's national security adviser. "And we will continue to have that discussion throughout each of the stops on our trip."

Obama's eight-day Asia swing is a makeup for a visit he canceled last fall because of the U.S. government shutdown. Leaving Washington on Tuesday, he will stop briefly in Oso, Wash., where mudslides killed dozens of people. He will arrive in Japan on Wednesday.

Obama's advisers say there are no plans to scrap the trip if the situation in Ukraine worsens. But the president may have to make decisions while traveling about imposing more penalties against Russia if a deal to ease the crisis collapses.

The U.S., Russia, Ukraine and the European Union signed an agreement Thursday. But al-

ready, the prospects of it holding appear slim, with pro-Russian insurgents in eastern Ukraine refusing to leave the government buildings they occupy in nearly a dozen cities.

Russia's foreign ministry on Saturday said it would offer strong help to Ukraine, but that responsibility for reducing tensions rested with Ukrainians, not outsiders.

Compared with Russia's actions in Ukraine, China has been relatively restrained in its territorial ambitions. But tensions spiked last fall when Beijing declared an air defense zone over a large part of the East China Sea, including the disputed islands controlled by Japan and a maritime rock claimed by both China and South Korea. China's coast guard also has blocked Filipino ships in the South China Sea in recent weeks.

China claims virtually the entire South China Sea. Nansha is the Chinese name for the Spratlys, a chain of resource-rich islands, islets and reefs claimed partly or wholly by China, the Philippines, Malaysia and other southeast Asian nations.

Former Philippine national security adviser Rollo Golez said he expects Beijing to avoid Russian-style moves on any of the disputed territories, in large part because China is surrounded by American allies from the East China Sea to the Strait of Malacca and may have to deal with the U.S. military in the region if it undertakes a major act of aggression.

"It would be a folly on the part of China to do anything drastic, to do a Crimea," Golez said.

## Court lets suit over Marine's suicide proceed

BY BRET BARROQUERE  
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The family of a Marine who killed himself after a tour of duty in Iraq will be allowed to proceed with a lawsuit against the federal government over his treatment by two Veterans Affairs facilities in Kentucky.

The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals concluded Friday that the lawsuit brought by the family of Cameron Anestis, 21, of Georgetown, shouldn't have been dismissed. Anestis' widow, Tiffany Anestis, sued the federal government in 2011, seeking \$22.5 million in damages after her husband developed mental and emotional problems.

"You're just shocked," said Al Grash, the attorney for the Anestis family. "The VA turned him away, not once; it turned him away twice."

Anestis' family claimed the VA was negligent when it turned away the Marine at two VA hospitals in Lexington when he sought a mental health evaluation and treatment.

A spokesman for the VA declined to comment on the pending litigation.

The VA may ask the court to reconsider its ruling, appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court or allow the case to return to federal court in Lexington.

The government argued that the federal courts had no jurisdiction over its decision to turn away Anestis. Attorneys for the VA argued that the law shields the agency from lawsuits because its policies allow limited discretion for employees to determine whether a patient is in an emergency state.

Judge David W. McKeague, writing for the court, disagreed.

"The determination of a health care professional or an intake clerk as to the emergency status of a patient would not involve a consideration of public policy, but rather, only a consideration of the patient's health, and the discretionary function exception is designed to protect only the public policy considerations," McKeague wrote.

The case of Anestis is unusual, with the U.S. 6th Circuit having handled only one similar lawsuit and other jurisdictions seeing a limited amount of litigation stemming from decisions to deny emergency care, McKeague wrote.

Grash said the ruling should open the door for other veterans

and their families to sue the VA if they are wrongly refused help or health care and something tragic occurs.

"If the VA's position had been granted, it would have made it virtually impossible for any veteran or his family to sue the VA under any circumstance," Grash said.

Grash said Anestis was an outgoing young man before serving in Iraq. He attended The Citadel military school in South Carolina before enlisting in the Marines, becoming a lance corporal.

After he returned, Anestis told his family he had killed many peo-

**Cameron Anestis' family claimed the VA was negligent when it turned away the Marine at two VA hospitals in Lexington, Ky., when he sought a mental health evaluation and treatment.**

ple, including some civilians, Grash said. Anestis became withdrawn, was extremely impatient and had temper outbursts.

Anestis, a Lance Corporal in the Marine reserves, went to a Lexington VA medical center for evaluation and treatment on Aug. 16, 2009, but was turned away after being told treatment wasn't available there. Anestis went to a second VA center in Lexington

the next day and again was rejected, this time for not having a form showing he was a combat veteran.

The VA has a written policy saying no veteran should be turned away if he is deemed to be a danger to himself or in need of immediate help. Under the policy, the first VA center should have called an ambulance to transport Anestis to the second center, Grash said.

"For whatever reason, they violated their own policy," Grash said. "It's never explained why."

Unable to find the form he needed, Anestis became frustrated and violent, attacking his wife, who called 911 from another room. Grash said while Tiffany Anestis was on the phone, she heard a gunshot and found that her husband had committed suicide.



## UKRAINE UNREST

## Ukraine, Russia trade blame for shootout

By YURAS KARMANAU  
The Associated Press

BYLBASIVKA, Ukraine — Ukraine and Russia traded blame Sunday for a shootout at a checkpoint manned by pro-Russia insurgents in eastern Ukraine that left at least three people dead and others with gunshot wounds.

The identity of the attackers remained unclear. Russia blamed militant Ukrainian nationalists and the Ukrainian government said the attack near the city of Sloviansk was staged by provocateurs from outside the country.

The armed clash appeared to be the first since an international agreement was reached last week in Geneva to ease tensions in eastern Ukraine, where armed pro-Russia activists have seized government buildings in at least 10 cities.

Ukraine and many in the West fear that such clashes could provide a pretext for Russia to seize more Ukrainian territory.

Russia, which annexed the peninsula of Crimea last month, has tens of thousands of troops along its border with Ukraine. Russian officials, including President Vladimir Putin, originally said the troops were there for military exercises, but Putin's spokesman on Saturday acknowledged that some were there due to instability in eastern Ukraine.

The self-proclaimed mayor of Sloviansk appealed to Russia on Sunday to send in peacekeeping troops.



EFREM LUKATSKY/AP

**A pro-Russian gunman, left, watches Sunday as a local police officer inspects the area after a nighttime firefight at a checkpoint under the control of pro-Russian activists in the village of Bulbasivka near Sloviansk, Ukraine.**

"They are killing our brothers," Vyacheslav Ponomarev said during a news conference in Sloviansk shown on Russian state television.

Yuri Zhadobin, who coordinates the pro-Russia unit manning the checkpoint in the village of Bylbasivka, told The Associated Press he was with about 20

men celebrating Easter when unknown men drove up in four vehicles and opened fire about 3 a.m.

"We began to shoot back from behind the barricades and we threw Molotov cocktails at them," Zhadobin said. Two of the vehicles caught fire and the attackers fled in the other two, he said.

Some of his men were wounded and one later died in the hospital, he said.

The Ukrainian Interior Ministry's office in the eastern Donetsk region later released a statement saying three people had died in the attack and three others were wounded. The statement said some of the attackers were also

killed or wounded, but the number was not known.

Russian state media reported five people dead, including three pro-Russia activists.

In Moscow, the Russian Foreign Ministry quickly blamed the clash on the Right Sector, a nationalist Ukrainian group that has supported the interim government in Kiev, the capital, but is not part of it.

But a spokesman for Right Sector, Artym Skoropatsky, denied any involvement in Sunday's shootout, which he called a provocation staged by Russian special services.

Ukraine's Security Service also called the attack a "cynical provocation" staged from "the outside."

Putin has rejected claims that Russian special forces are directing or encouraging the insurgents. Putin has said he hopes not to send troops into eastern Ukraine, but he retains the right to intervene if necessary to protect ethnic Russians living here.

Russian state media have been feeding fears among the Russian-speaking population in eastern Ukraine that their lives are in danger because of the Right Sector.

"See what is happening?" asked Andrei Zarubin, 30, who came to the Bylbasivka checkpoint Sunday afternoon to replace those who had come under attack. "Russia should defend us ... who else can we turn to for help?"

## Ukraine's military relying on fund drives for supplies

By KATHY LALLY  
The Washington Post

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's new government inherited an army so bereft of modern equipment and training that when Russian troops entered Crimea and agitators stormed government offices in eastern Ukraine, the country proved helpless to protect its borders and citizens.

The corruption that had darkened all the nation's institutions had provoked demonstrators to stand their ground in Kiev until the old leaders fled. But the depth of the damage took the country by surprise when the Crimean Peninsula was easily lost to Russian annexation last month, revealing a military profoundly weakened by theft and neglect.

"Our army has been systematically destroyed and disarmed," Deputy Defense Minister Petro Melnyk said at a briefing last week, "and its best personnel dismissed."

In the east, militants have occupied buildings in more than a dozen cities and on Saturday showed no signs of giving up their positions. The army was sent in and looked more anemic than ever when small bands of civilians managed to block armored personnel carriers simply by stand-

ing in front of them.

Ukraine's position is dire. The new government found the treasury empty when it took over Feb. 27. The Ministry of Defense was so desperate for money that it went to the public for help.

People across the country have responded by pulling together for the Support the Ukrainian army fundraising drive, trying to repair the damage done by years of thieving governments. Children have held fairs and bake sales to raise money. Adults have delivered food and water to tent encampments. Community groups have collected shoes, clothes and canned goods.

Ukrainian businesses and individuals had raised more than \$9 million for the military as of Friday, the Defense Ministry reported. Of that, \$2 million came from cellphone users who made 50-cent donations from their accounts by calling a designated number.

Ukraine's military budget was \$5.3 billion last year, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. Sweden, with a population a fifth the size of Ukraine's, had a budget of \$6.5 billion. And Ukrainians have little idea how much of the budget actually reached the military.

A recent investigation found that one defense factory was

stealing \$81 of every \$100 order, Deputy Prime Minister Vitaliy Yarema said. "If the stolen money had been used for modernization of the Ukrainian army, there would not be a problem," he told reporters.

Nearly two weeks ago, pro-Russia separatists invaded the Donetsk regional administration offices and have occupied them since. The following weekend, several more government buildings in the east fell to well-equipped men in green uniforms who are widely believed to have been organized by Russia. After police — criticized as specialized at taking in bribes rather than putting down violence — failed to restore order, President Oleksandr Turchynov ordered the army in.

The troops have had little effect. The militants have refused to honor an international agreement reached Thursday in Geneva by Ukraine, Russia, the United States and the European Union asking the militants to disarm and to go home. And an estimated 40,000 well-equipped Russian troops have settled into positions along Ukraine's eastern border, their presence forbidding, their intentions unclear.

When the new government took over, it found a military and a security agency organized around

loyalty to ousted President Viktor Yanukovych and riddled with people closely tied to Russia's security service, the FSB, Andriy Parubiy, secretary of the National Security and Defense Council, said in a recent interview. Not only was the treasury empty, so were military fuel tanks.

And there was Russia. Parubiy said, intent on making the government fail and seeing it replaced by one deferring to Moscow. Before the government could have its first meeting, the regional parliament building in Crimea had been overrun by shadowy forces. Less than three weeks later, Russia had annexed the peninsula.

Ukraine needed a nimble, modern army to protect itself against a Russian army that had invested a great deal in equipment and

training since a mediocre showing in a 2008 conflict with Georgia. Ukraine had the rusting remnants of a Soviet machine. Decisions were being made in Kiev during the Crimean crisis, Parubiy said, but communication systems that could relay them to the field did not exist.

The army has only about 30 percent to 40 percent of what it needs, the Defense Ministry's deputy supply chief told reporters recently. The official, Arkadiy Stuzhuk, said body armor and helmets were in particularly low supply.

France is donating body armor, and on Thursday, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel promised \$3.5 million worth of equipment, including helmets, sleeping mats, water purification kits, generators and medical supplies.

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## NATION

# Delay keeps pipeline on political agenda

By JOSH LEDERMAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats sweating this year's elections may be hoping that the Obama administration's latest delay to the proposed Keystone XL pipeline takes a politically fraught issue off the table for the midterms.

Fat chance. An indefinite extension of the government's review of the contentious oil pipeline, announced late Friday by the State Department, almost certainly pushes a final decision past the November elections, keeping the project in a politically expedient holding pattern. But it is doing little to quell posturing over the project, which has taken on a life of its own as climate change

activists battle with energy advocates from both parties.

Republicans jumped at the chance to paint Democrats as powerless to rein in their own party's president. Keystone opponents were split, with some praising the delay and others chiding President Barack Obama for not vetoing the project outright.

"It reinforces how ineffective, powerless and without influence senators like Mary Landrieu, Mark Begich, Mark Warner and Kay Hagan are," said Brad Dayspring, of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, rattling off vulnerable Democrats up for re-election in November.

For Democrats competing in Republican-leaning states, winning those votes

will require putting distance between themselves and Obama. The State Department's announcement that a decision on Keystone XL won't come anytime soon offers a prime opportunity to bash the leader of their party.

"I am frankly appalled at the continued foot-dragging by this administration on the Keystone project," said Begich, D-Alaska, adding that the delay "means we'll miss another construction season, and another opportunity to create thousands of jobs across the country."

On the opposite end of the spectrum, some environmentalists were equally miffed, arguing that Obama should muster the courage to nix the project rather than hold out the prospect that he'll approve the pipeline, which would carry oil from west-

ern Canada's tar sands to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast.

"While we're at it, the State Department should also request that physics delay heat-trapping operations for a while, and that the El Nino scheduled for later this spring be pushed back to after the midterms," Bill McKibben, of the group 350 Action, said in a statement dripping with sarcasm.

Word of the latest in a string of delays to Keystone XL came Friday as Washington was winding down for Easter. The State Department said it will give federal agencies more time to weigh in on the matter but declined to say how much longer. Officials said the decision will have to wait for dust to settle in Nebraska, where a judge in February overturned a state law that allowed the pipeline's path through the state.



MATTHEW BROWN/AP

A worker inspects damage to a house at the top of a slow-motion landslide in Jackson, Wyo., on Saturday.

## Landslide creeps toward Wyo. town

By MATTHEW BROWN  
The Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — What's happening in this Wyoming resort town might be better described as a land creep than a landslide, but the lack of speed has not hindered the sheer power of the moving earth.

Over the past two weeks, a piece of East Gros Ventre Butte has slowly collapsed toward the west side of Jackson — shearing one hillside home in half, threatening to devour several others and looming ever more ominously over a cluster of businesses below.

No one can say precisely when the mountainside will cease its slow drop into Jackson or finally give way. But it appears increasingly likely that it's going to take a piece of Jackson with it.

Emergency workers have tried in vain to shore up slow-moving slope, attracting a steady parade of the curious and camera-wielding gawkers.

"We don't know what Mother

Nature wants to do here. She's shown us quite a bit," Jackson Fire Chief Willy Watsbaugh said as he stood at the edge of the slide zone, its rocky slope rising sharply behind him.

The rate of movement slowed Saturday, giving crews a chance to get back in and reassess the damage, Watsbaugh said. The chief said he's seen many slides in the mountains around Jackson but never one in town.

Town officials first noticed significant hill movement on April 4. They evacuated 42 homes and apartment units on April 9.

Workers and residents had watched helplessly on Thursday and Friday as a sudden acceleration of movement prompted authorities to suspend their efforts to shore up the slope as falling rocks created a hazard.

Work resumed over the weekend with a new focus: repairing some of the damage the slide already has caused, including a break in a sewer line on Friday. On Saturday evening, officials postponed the

sewer line work until Monday because of access issues.

Bart Moudy, a construction manager from Etna, a town south of Jackson, said he has been keeping a close eye on the slide as the small cracks initially seen at the top of the slope widened.

"It's a little reminder of where we live — in a dynamic region," he said. "It's amazing. We were looking at on Friday, and it's moved a bunch since then."

Authorities are looking into whether recent construction at the foot of East Gros Ventre Butte made the slope unstable. They say there could be a variety of other causes, including prior construction at the site, warmer weather and a wet winter that put more water into the ground, where it acts as a lubricant for unstable rocks and soil.

Because of its more stable geology, the slope is unlikely to suddenly collapse like the March 22 landslide in Oso, Wash., that killed 39 people, experts said.

## Ranchers, farmers to get disaster aid

By HENRY C. JACKSON  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gary Cammack wondered if his state's ranching community could recover.

An early-season blizzard had just pounded South Dakota, and no one had seen such devastation. Cammack, a Republican state representative and a rancher, feared for both his community and his livelihood — his family lost some 120 animals, worth roughly \$144,000, in the October storm.

Just next door, his neighbor lost as many as 690 animals, and losses for some ranches approached \$1 million.

"It was mind-boggling," he said.

Worse, there was no avenue to seek relief. Such catastrophic losses are normally covered by emergency programs in the federal farm bill, but the bill had expired as Congress struggled to reconcile House and Senate versions.

That changed last week as the U.S. Department of Agriculture moved quickly to restart a series of disaster and indemnity programs that cover losses for ranchers and farmers. Applications began for various programs through USDA beginning on April 15. They cover the losses suffered from the time the programs expired in late 2011 to now.

The losses by ranchers in South Dakota and to a lesser extent North Dakota may have drawn the most attention last fall. But the programs reinstated by USDA will help ranchers and farmers who have suffered losses throughout the country, including many who have suffered under persistent drought. That includes many states in the southern Plains like Texas, which saw severe drought in 2011 and 2012, and California, which is still in the grips of a drought.

USDA's ability to get the disaster programs up and running has impressed politicians and ranchers, not to mention rancher-politicians like Cammack.

"As the federal government



AP

A newborn calf tries to stand on a ranch near Philip, S.D., where ranchers who lost cattle in last fall's blizzard, may be eligible to apply for relief through a USDA program that began last week.

goes, this whole thing has happened at lightning speed," he said.

The last time a farm bill was enacted, in 2008, it took more than a year to re-establish the disaster programs and begin taking applicants. This time, USDA has succeeded at its goal of taking applications within 60 days of the farm bill becoming law. According to the USDA, applications have been going smoothly across the country.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has promoted the program in recent days, trying to ensure that those eligible know what information they need to provide. In an interview with The Associated Press, he said USDA used the time while Congress debated a new farm bill to prepare the programs, which were never in jeopardy in negotiations, to make sure that they were ready to move quickly when Congress passed the bill.

He said lawmakers and President Barack Obama, who directed Vilsack to expedite the program as well, kept pressure on the agency to succeed at speeding up the process.

The programs will come as welcome relief in South Dakota and parts of North Dakota that were battered by the Oct. 4-5 blizzard. An estimated 43,000 cattle and other livestock were killed during the storm.



## NATION



BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP

With the Colorado state capitol building in the background, partygoers dance to live music and smoke pot on the first of two days at the annual 4/20 marijuana festival in Denver on Saturday.

# In Colorado, pot holiday tries to go mainstream

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Once the province of activists and stoners, the traditional pot holiday of April 20 has gone mainstream in the first state in the nation to legalize recreational marijuana.

Tens of thousands gathered for a weekend of Colorado cannabis-themed festivals and entertainment, from a marijuana industry expo called the Cannabis Cup at a trade center north of downtown, to 4/20-themed concerts at the famed Red Rocks Amphitheater — acts include Slightly Stoopid and Snoop Dog — to a massive festival in the shadow of the state capitol where clouds of cannabis smoke were expected to waft at 4:20 p.m. MDT Sunday.

The festival in Denver's Civic Center Park is the most visible sign of the transformation. It started as a defiant gathering of marijuana activists, but this year the event has an official city

permit, is organized by an events management company and featured booths selling funnel cakes and Greek food next to kiosks hawking hemp lollipops and glass pipes.

Gavin Beldt, one of the organizers, said in a statement that the event is now a "celebration of legal status for its use in Colorado and our launch of an exciting new experience for those attending."

On Saturday, the first day of the two-day festival, only a few people lingered on the steps of a Roman-style amphitheater where marijuana activists spoke angrily about bans on the drug in other states. Thousands instead lingered on the park's broad lawns, listening to hip-hop music blasting from the sound stage and enjoying the fresh, albeit marijuana-scented, air.

"It's a lot mellower this year," said Cody Andrews, 29, of Denver. "It's more of a venue now. More vendor-y."

Last year's event was marred

by a shooting that wounded three and is still unsolved. This year a fence rings the park, armored security guards roamed the grounds and all entrants were patted down for weapons. There was also tension earlier in the year when some organizers wanted to officially sanction the 4:20 p.m. Sunday smokeout, but the city noted that public consumption of marijuana is still illegal in Colorado. By Saturday night, Denver police said they had issued at least 17 citations for public pot smoking.

Still, participants expected to light up on Sunday, which also happens to be Easter Sunday. Plenty weren't waiting until 4/20 proper. On Saturday, Jairin Genuing, 25, of Aurora, sat on the grass with friends, including one who was carefully rolling a thick joint.

"We're going to light up no matter what," Genuing said. "If you can't smoke at the 4/20 rally, it just doesn't make sense."

continuing, he said.

"It appears to be a homicide," the prosecutor said at a news conference Friday.

Early said the body was found about 9 a.m. Friday by a police search team about 40 feet off I-190 near Sterling, which is about 12 miles from Fitchburg. He said it was wrapped in blanket-like material and was packed in material that resembled a suitcase.

## Body found by road is missing Mass. boy

The Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — The body of a small boy apparently cast off the side of a highway has been confirmed as a missing 5-year-old, authorities said Saturday.

The body found Friday off Interstate 190 had been positively identified as Jeremiah Oliver, Worcester County District At-

torney Joseph D. Early Jr. said. No charges were immediately announced related to Jeremiah's death.

He was last seen by relatives in September but wasn't reported missing until December. Authorities had said they feared the Fitchburg boy was dead.

Early said in a statement Saturday that the autopsy report is not complete. The investigation is

## Married 70 years, Ohio couple die 15 hours apart

The Associated Press

NASHPORT, Ohio — A couple who held hands at breakfast every morning even after 70 years of marriage have died 15 hours apart.

Helen Felumlee, of Nashport, died at 92 on April 12. Her husband, Kenneth Felumlee, 91, died the next morning.

The couple's eight children said the two had been inseparable since meeting as teenagers, once sharing the bottom of a bunk bed on a ferry rather than sleeping on a night apart, the Zanesville Times Recorder reported.

They remained deeply in love until the very end, even eating breakfast together while holding hands, said their daughter, Linda Cody.

"We knew when one went, the other was going to go," she said.

According to Cody, about 12 hours after Helen died, Kenneth looked at his children and said, "Mom's dead." He quickly began to fade and was surrounded by 24 of his closest family members and friends when he died the next morning.

"He was ready," Cody said. "He just didn't want to leave her here by himself."

Son Dick Felumlee said his parents died of old age, surrounded by family.

"At Dad's bed we were singing his favorite hymns, reading scriptures and praying with him," he told The Associated Press in an email. "It was a going-away party, and we knew he loved it."

The pair had known each other for several years when they eloped in Newport, Ky., across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, on Feb. 20, 1944. At two days shy of his 21st birthday, Kenneth — who went by Kenny — was too young



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**Kenneth and Helen Felumlee sit together in September 1941, nearly three years before their marriage in February 1944.**

to marry in Ohio.

"He couldn't wait," son Jim Felumlee said.

Kenneth worked as a railroad car inspector and mechanic before becoming a mail carrier for the Nashport Post Office. He was active in his Nashport-Irville United Methodist Church as a Sunday school teacher.

Helen stayed at home, not only cooking and cleaning for her own family but also for other families in need in the area. She taught Sunday school, too, but was known more for her greeting card ministry, sending cards for birthdays, sympathy and the holidays to everyone in her community, each with a personal note inside.

Although both experienced declining health in recent years, Cody said, each tried to stay strong for the other.

"That's what kept them going," she said.

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## WORLD



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South Korean boats try to rescue passengers of the sinking Sewol ferry near Jindo, south of Seoul.

# 58 dead in ferry sinking; confusion abounds

By GILLIAN WONG  
AND HYUNG-JIN KIN  
The Associated Press

JINDO, South Korea — The official death toll in the South Korean ferry sinking soared to 58 on Sunday after divers finally succeeded in entering the vessel, which a newly released transcript shows was crippled with confusion and indecision well after it began listing dangerously.

Three times in succession, and about half an hour after the ferry Sewol began tilting on Wednesday, a crewmember asked Jindo Vessel Traffic Services Center, or VTS, whether passengers would be rescued if they abandoned ship off South Korea's southern coast. That followed several statements from the ship that it was impossible for people aboard to even move, and another in which it said it was "impossible to broadcast" instructions.

Many people followed the captain's initial order to stay below deck, where it is feared they remain trapped. About 240 people are still missing.

"Even if it's impossible to broadcast, please go out and let the passengers wear life jackets and put on more clothing," an unidentified VTS official urged at 9:24 a.m., 29 minutes after the Sewol first reported trouble, according to the transcript released by the South Korean coast guard.

"If this ferry evacuates passengers, will you be able to rescue them?" the unidentified crewmember asked.

"At least make them wear life



Ahn Young-Joon/AP

**Relatives of missing passengers aboard the sunken ferry cry on Sunday after listening to a TV news program reporting the names of the victims found dead.**

ring and make them escape!" was the response.

"If this ferry evacuates passengers, will they be rescued right away?" the crewmember asked again.

"Don't let them go bare — at least make them wear life rings and make them escape!" the VTS official repeated. "The rescue of human lives from the Sewol ferry ... the captain should make his own decision and evacuate them. We don't know the situation very well. The captain should make the final decision and decide whether you're going to evacuate passengers or not."

"I'm not talking about that," the crewmember said. "I asked, if they evacuate now, can they be rescued right away?"

The VTS official then said patrol boats would arrive in 10 minutes,

but did not mention that another civilian ship was already nearby and had told VTS 10 minutes earlier that it would rescue anyone who went overboard.

Only 174 people are known to have survived the sinking of the Sewol, which had been on its way from the South Korean port city of Incheon to the southern island of Jeju.

The confirmed death toll jumped from 33 to 58 within 24 hours as divers, hampered for days by strong currents, bad weather and low visibility, finally found a way inside the sunken vessel. They quickly discovered more than a dozen bodies there in what almost certainly was just the beginning of a massive and grim recovery effort. Some of the bodies found Sunday were recovered outside the ship.

## Delay in ferry evacuation puzzles maritime experts

The Associated Press

MOKPO, South Korea — It is a decision that has maritime experts stumped and is at odds with standard procedure: Why were the passengers of the doomed South Korean ferry told to stay in their rooms rather than climb on deck?

Evacuations can be chaotic and dangerous, and an important principle in maritime circles is that even a damaged ship may be the best lifeboat. But car ferries like the Sewol are different.

Under certain conditions — like those that confronted the Sewol — car ferries are particularly susceptible to rapid capsizing. This makes it critically important that when there is trouble, the crew quickly evacuate passengers or at least gather them in preparation to abandon ship.

Though experienced, the captain of the Sewol, Lee Joon-seok, delayed evacuation for at least half an hour after the ship began tipping. Passengers, most of them teenagers on holiday, were initially told to stay below deck.

"If you would have not said a word to them, they would have left to the deck to see what was going on," and a crucial step in any evacuation would have been accomplished, said Mario Vittone, a former U.S. Coast Guard maritime accident investigator and inspector. "They certainly made it

worse than saying nothing at all."

Lee has worked about four decades at sea, split between ferries and ocean freighters. A representative for his employer, Chonghae-jin Marine Co. Ltd., told Yonhap News Agency that he has sailed the company's route from Incheon, near Seoul, to the southern island of Jeju for eight years.

After his arrest Saturday on suspicion of negligence and abandoning people in need, Lee apologized for "causing a disturbance" but defended his decision to wait.

"At the time, the current was

very strong, the temperature of the ocean water was cold, and I thought that if people left the ferry without (proper) judgment, if they were not wearing a life jacket and even if they were, they would drift away and face many other difficulties," Lee said. "The rescue boats had not arrived yet, nor were there any civilian fishing ships or other boats nearby at that time."

Vittone and Thad Allen, the former head of the U.S. Coast Guard, said that explanation misses a key point: The captain could have ordered passengers on deck even if it was not certain that they would have to evacuate the ferry. Allen said in an email that two things needed to be done simultaneously: "Keep trying to save the ship but mitigate the risk to loss of life by preparing the passengers to abandon ship."

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## WORLD

# Malaysia flight relatives may get financial aid

By MARGIE MASON  
The Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — A Malaysian official met Sunday with relatives of passengers who were aboard the missing Malaysia jetliner and discussed ways of providing them with financial assistance. Meanwhile, an unmanned submarine continued to search for any signs of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Hamzah Zaimuddin met with the passengers' relatives in Kuala Lumpur to talk about where to go next. Financial assistance was discussed, and family members were urged to submit a plan for consideration. He declined to elaborate further, but said a fund could possibly be set up by the government or Malaysia Airlines.

"We realize this is an excruciating time for the families of those on board," said Zaimuddin, who heads a committee overseeing the



NO HAN GUAN/AP

One of the relatives of Chinese passengers aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 grieves at a hotel conference room in Beijing on Friday.

needs of the next of kin. "No words can describe the pain they must be going through. We understand the

desperate need for information on behalf of the families and those watching around the world."

He added that he would soon visit Beijing to shore up bilateral relations between Malaysia and China. Two-thirds of the missing plane's 227 passengers were Chinese, and many of their family members have been angered by Malaysia's handling of the investigation, with some accusing the government of lying, incompetence or participating in an outright cover-up.

After nearly a week of sweeping the bottom of the ocean with sonar, the unmanned sub began its eighth mission on Sunday. The yellow device has already covered about half of its focused search area, but has yet to uncover any clues that could shed light on the mysterious disappearance of the plane more than six weeks ago.

The U.S. Navy's Bluefin 21 has journeyed beyond its recommended depth of 2.8 miles to comb the silt-covered seabed off the coast of western Australia. Its search area forms a 6-mile radius around the

location of an underwater signal that was believed to have come from the aircraft's black boxes.

On Saturday, Malaysian Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein stressed the importance of the weekend submarine missions in the southern Indian Ocean, but stressed that even if no debris is recovered, the scope of the search may be broadened or other assets may be used.

Meanwhile, on Sunday, up to 11 aircraft and 12 ships continued to scan the ocean surface for debris from the Boeing 777, which disappeared March 8 en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

Radar and satellite data show the jet mysteriously veered far off course for unknown reasons and would have run out of fuel in the remote section of the southern Indian Ocean where the search has been focused. Not one piece of debris has been recovered since the massive multinational hunt began.

## Syria frees abducted journalists

The Associated Press

PARIS — Ten months after their capture in Syria, four French journalists crossed the border into neighboring Turkey and reached freedom Saturday, though dozens more remain held in the country's chaotic civil war.

Edouard Elias, Didier Francois, Nicolas Henin and Pierre Torres — all said to be in good health — were freed over the weekend in unclear circumstances in what has become the world's most dangerous and deadliest — conflict for journalists.

"We are very happy to be free ... and it's very nice to see the sky, to be able to walk, to be able to ... speak freely," said Francois, a noted war correspondent for Europe 1 radio, said in footage recorded by the private Turkish news agency DHA. Smiling

broadly, he thanked Turkish authorities for their help.

French President Francois Hollande's office said in a statement that he felt "immense relief" over the release despite the "very trying conditions" of their captivity.

Elias, a freelance photographer, also was working for Europe 1 radio. Henin and Torres are freelance journalists.

A DHA report said soldiers on patrol found the four blindfolded and handcuffed in Turkey's southeast Sanliurfa province late Friday. Turkish television aired images of the four at a police station and a local hospital.

It wasn't clear whether a ransom had been paid for their release, or which group in Syria's chaotic 3-year-old conflict held the men.



JACQUES BRINON/AP

Released French hostage Nicolas Henin hugs his wife and children upon his arrival at the Villacoublay military air base outside Paris on Sunday.

## Iraq attacks kill at least 15

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A series of attacks, including a coordinated assault on a private Shiite college in Baghdad, killed at least 15 people and wounded nearly 50 others in Iraq on Sunday, officials said.

Less than two weeks ahead of parliamentary elections, Iraq is struggling to keep a lid on a surge in sectarian violence that has sent bloodshed soaring to levels not seen since the country balanced on the brink of civil war in 2006 and 2007.

Sunday's deadliest attack took place outside the southern city of Samawah, where two car bombs exploded simultaneously in a commercial area, killing seven civilians and wounding 17, police said. The Shiite city is 230 miles southeast of Baghdad.

The dramatic assault on the college happened in Baghdad's eastern neighborhood of Ur. A suicide bomber with an explosives belt attacked the main gate of the college as three militants attacked the back gate, police said. The militants killed four policemen and one teacher and wounded another 18 people. Security forces killed all of the attackers.

In a third attack, a car bomb in a commercial area in the town of Iskandariyah, south of Baghdad, killed three civilians and wounded 12 others, police said.

Medical officials confirmed casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the bombings.



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## WORLD

# Pope delivers Easter message

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO  
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Celebrating Easter Sunday, Christianity's most joyous and hopeful day, Pope Francis prayed for peace in Ukraine and Syria and for an end to the terrorist attacks in Nigeria that have targeted many Christians.

More than 150,000 tourists — Romans and pilgrims, young and old — turned out for the Mass that Pope Francis celebrated at an altar set up under a canopy on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica.

So great were their numbers that they overflowed the huge square, which was bedecked with row after row of potted daffodils, sprays of blue hyacinths and bunches of white roses. Waving flags from the pope's native Argentina as well as from Brazil, Mexico, Britain, Poland and many other countries, they also filled the broad boulevard leading from the square to the Tiber River.

Dawn brought clear skies and warm temperatures for Easter, the culmination of Holy Week, the day which marks the Christian belief that Jesus rose from the dead after his crucifixion.

Francis noted that this year the Catholic church's celebration of Easter coincided with that of Orthodox churches, which have many followers in Ukraine. Some of the hymns at the Vatican Mass on Sunday were in Russian.

Invoking God, he said, "We ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace in Ukraine, so that all those involved, with the support of the international community, will make every effort to prevent violence."

Tensions between pro-Russian supporters in Ukraine and those loyal to the interim government in Kiev have sparked bloodshed in recent days.

Francis also prayed that all sides in Syria will be moved to "boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue." Since March 2011, Syria has been wracked by a civil war that has cost 150,000 lives and forced millions to flee the country.

Christians make up about 5 percent of Syria's population. In comments to mark Easter there, the Greek Orthodox patriarch vowed that Christians there "will not submit" to extremists who attack "our people and holy places."

Francis makes a pilgrimage to Jordan, the Palestinian territories and Israel next month. On Easter,



L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO/AP

**Pope Francis waves to the crowd from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica where he delivered the Urbi et Orbi (Latin for to the city and to the world) at the end of the Easter Mass at the Vatican on Sunday.**

he prayed that hopes sparked by the resumption of Mideast peace negotiations be sustained.

He also recalled those suffering in Africa from an epidemic of deadly Ebola and urged a halt to "brutal terrorist attacks" in parts of Nigeria.

In Venezuela, there were hopes that Vatican mediation can help end the country's violent political unrest and Francis urged that "hearts be turned to recon-

ciliation and fraternal concord" there.

But Francis' Easter message also urged people to pay attention to the needy close to home.

He said the "good news" of Easter's joy and hope means "leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast."

## Nigerians mark Easter amid mourning, fear

BY MICHELLE FAUL  
The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — With little to celebrate, Nigerians marked Easter Sunday with heightened security against a spreading Islamic uprising, mourning the deaths of at least 75 bomb blast victims and fearful of the fate of 85 abducted schoolgirls.

The homegrown terrorist network Boko Haram on Saturday claimed responsibility for last week's rush-hour explosion at a busy bus station in the capital, Abuja, and threatened more attacks.

"We are the bombers ... yes we are the bombers; if you really want to know who did it, let me tell you now, it was Shekau that did it," leader Abubakar Shekau boasts in a new video.

He taunts Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, saying: "Look at us; we are right within your city (Abuja) and you don't even know how to find us. Let me tell you now, I am here very close to you, I dare you to get me, if you can." Nigeria's military twice have claimed that Shekau was dead, only to have him resurface in a video. The United States has placed a \$7 million ransom on his head.

At church services around the country, Nigerians mourned vic-

tims of four attacks in three days last week.

"Government should be more sincere in handling the security and insurgency problems," Okeoghene Eboibi, 45, a polytechnic lecturer in southern Delta state told The Associated Press.

He was referring to politicization of the 5-year-old Islamic uprising that has the two main political parties accusing each other of backing the terrorist network as the country gears up for elections in February 2015. The attacks also undermine government and military claims that an 11-month-old state of emergency in three northeast states covering one-sixth of the country has been contained the extremists.

Chidozie Iyoke, 35, a laborer whose leg was injured in the bombing, said it might be better if people went back to their places of origin. Africa's most populous nation of some 170 million people is divided almost equally between Muslims living mostly in the north and Christians whose homes are predominantly in the south.

"The Middle Belt that is home to both has seen increasing deaths in conflicts, mainly over land and water resources between mainly Christian farmers and semi-nomadic Muslim herders. Thousands have been killed in recent years.

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## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Documents: Another GM recall delayed

By TOM KRISHER  
The Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors waited years to recall nearly 335,000 Saturn Ions for power steering failures despite getting thousands of consumer complaints and more than 30,000 warranty repair claims, according to government documents released Saturday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the government's auto safety watchdog, also didn't seek a recall of the compact car from model years 2004 through 2007 even though it opened an investigation more than two years ago and found 12 crashes and two injuries caused by the problem.

The documents, posted on the agency's website, show yet another delay by GM in recalling unsafe vehicles and under another example of government safety regulators reacting slowly to a safety problem despite



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lon couples sit outside a Saturn dealership in the south Denver suburb of Highlands Ranch, Colo., in 2006.

being alerted by consumers and through warranty data submitted by the company.

A recall can be initiated by an automaker or demanded by the government.

Both GM and NHTSA have been criticized by safety advocates and lawmakers for their slow responses to a deadly ignition switch problem in 2.6 million GM small cars. GM admitted

knowing about the problem for more than a decade, yet didn't start recalling the cars until February. The company says it knows of 13 deaths in crashes linked to the ignition switches, but family members of crash victims say the number is much higher.

The Ion was one of a few GM cars included in a March 31 recall of 1.5 million vehicles worldwide to replace the power steering motors; the recall also covered some older Saturn Auras, Pontiac G6s and Chevrolet Malibus. If cars lose power steering, they can still be steered, but with much greater effort. Drivers can be surprised by the problem and could lose control of the cars and crash.

In a statement issued Saturday, GM admitted that it didn't do enough to take care of the power steering problem.

NHTSA closed its investigation into the Ion because GM had decided to recall the cars, according to the documents released Saturday.

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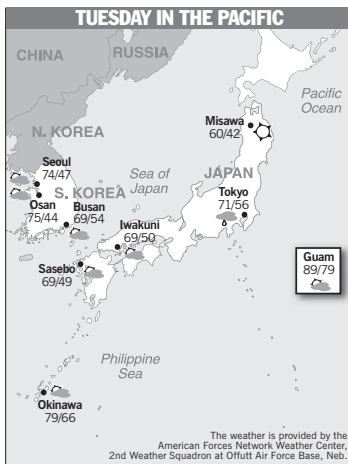
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Dollar buys (April 21)	€0.7040
British pound (April 21)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (April 21)	100.00
South Korean won (April 21)	1,011.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6784/0.5958
Canada (dollar)	1.1028
China (Yuan)	6.2245
Denmark (Krone)	5.4643
Egypt (Pound)	6.9925
Euro	\$1.3821/0.7238
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7542
Hungary (Forint)	221.90
Israel (Shekel)	3.4800
Japan (Yen)	102.42
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2814
Norway (Krone)	5.9885
Philippines (Peso)	44.32
Poland (Zloty)	3.03
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2524
South Korea (Won)	1,037.80
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8833
Thailand (Baht)	32.20
Turkey (New Lira)	1,2289

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
6-month bill	0.09
1-year bill	0.09
30-year bond	3.52

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



## Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ableene, Tex	84	62	Cldy	Chatanooga	77	52	Cldy	Fort Wayne	74	48	Cldy	Louisville	79	54	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	73	45	Cldy	Cheyenne	60	39	PCldy	Fresno	88	57	PCldy	Lubbock	81	55	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	47	37	Cldy	Chicago	72	54	Rain	Goodland	71	46	Cldy	Macon	78	48	Cldy
Albuquerque	76	49	PCldy	Cincinnati	77	52	Cldy	Grand Junction	75	44	Cldy	Madison	59	54	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	69	33	Cir	Cleveland	72	49	Cldy	Great Falls	68	45	Cldy	Medford	71	46	Cldy
Anchorage	76	53	Cir	Colorado Springs	65	42	PCldy	Green Bay	61	47	Rain	Memphis	78	60	Cldy
Asheville	73	40	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	75	45	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	70	40	Cldy	Miami Beach	81	67	PCldy
Atlanta	77	52	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	76	49	PCldy	Hartford	69	34	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	85	60	PCldy
Atlantic City	65	36	Cir	Concord, N.H.	66	29	PCldy	Harrisburg	69	34	PCldy	Milwaukee	63	50	Cldy
Austin	64	36	PCldy	Corpus Christi	81	66	Cldy	Helena	70	37	Cldy	Minneapolis	67	49	PCldy
Baltimore	68	39	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	81	63	Rain	Honolulu	84	72	PCldy	Missoula	70	32	Cldy
Baton Rouge	81	58	PCldy	Dayton	75	51	Cldy	Houston	81	63	Cldy	Montgomery	79	52	Cldy
Bilings	70	38	PCldy	Daytona Beach	74	63	PCldy	Huntsville	77	53	Cldy	Nashville	78	54	Cldy
Birmingham	77	52	PCldy	Denver	69	43	PCldy	Indianapolis	75	53	Cldy	New Orleans	80	60	PCldy
Bismarck	63	38	Cir	Des Moines	72	58	Rain	Jackson, Miss.	80	53	Cldy	New York City	65	40	PCldy
Boise	75	42	PCldy	Detroit	74	50	PCldy	Jacksonville	76	54	PCldy	Newark	68	40	PCldy
Boston	63	36	PCldy	Duluth	58	37	PCldy	Juneau	49	36	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	65	45	PCldy
Bridgport	64	36	Cldy	El Paso	84	59	Cir	Kansas City	72	58	Rain	North Platte	70	44	PCldy
Brownsville	83	68	Cldy	Elkins	77	37	PCldy	Key West	72	58	Cldy	Omaha	71	54	Cldy
Buffalo	66	43	Cldy	Erie	70	47	Cldy	Knoxville	76	51	Cldy	Orlando	82	62	PCldy
Burlington, Vt.	67	40	Cldy	Eugene	62	48	Cldy	Lake Charles	79	60	PCldy	Padsuah	77	53	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	57	31	Cldy	Evansville	76	82	Cldy	Lansing	92	68	PCldy	Pendleton	68	41	Cldy
Casper	68	39	Cir	Fairbanks	56	30	Cir	Las Vegas	92	68	PCldy	Pensacola	74	54	Rain
Charleston, S.C.	75	49	PCldy	Fargo	58	44	Cir	Lexington	78	52	Cldy	Philadelphia	68	39	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	81	49	PCldy	Flagstaff	70	33	Cir	Lincoln	71	54	PCldy	Phoenix	66	39	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	73	44	Cir	Flint	76	49	Cldy	Little Rock	78	59	Rain	Pittsburgh	74	44	PCldy
				Fort Smith	75	60	Rain	Los Angeles	75	57	PCldy				

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Syrian execution should be call to action

By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS

In the hierarchy of saints, martyrs are on the highest rung of the celestial ladder, at least for me.

While I love St. Bernadette with her story of mystical vision, it's St. Maria Goretti — the child who surrendered her life to protect her purity — who animates my faith. St. Therese of Lisieux is an example of the glory we can find in small things, but the Little Flower doesn't inspire me like Joan of Arc, who died a virgin, a mistress of fire. And while St. Francis of Assisi, with his gentle ways, is a hero to our current, beloved pope, I'm drawn to St. Sebastian, a Roman soldier who paid for his conversion to Christ in a barrage of piercing arrows.

My preference for those who were tested through the crucible of physical suffering is, I'll admit, a bit macabre. Today, we are taught that torturers are evil (which is of course correct) and that its victims are just that, victims. But to Catholics, there has always been something particularly ennobling about a person whose faith is so unshakable that it transcends terrestrial agony. They are heroic examples of the human spirit's infinite power.

Last week, we were given just such an example, and while the story is painful, we should take notice.

The Rev. Frans van der Lugt, 75, a Dutch Jesuit who had spent the last four decades ministering to children and the mentally disabled in Homs, Syria, was assassinated on April 14, according to a Vatican source. He was abducted by unidentified gunmen, beaten and then executed in front of his monastery.

Van der Lugt is an outspoken critic of Bashar Assad. The dictator has not focused on the religion of his victims, targeting Muslim and Christian alike. Politics is all that matters: If you support Assad you are an ally and if you oppose him, a traitor. It's not a simple calculus, and given the fact that some of the rebels who are seeking to depose the Assad regime are Islamist enemies of the west, you can understand why governments like our own have been hesitant to step in.

But now they are killing priests, and they are killing priests whose only crime is speaking out against the persecution of innocents. It is time, finally, for us to take a stand, because if a 75-year-old Jesuit has more courage than Uncle Sam and his mighty battalions, we no longer deserve re-



ALEPPO MEDIA CENTER/AP

**Syrian residents walk in the debris of destroyed buildings after surviving a government forces airstrike in Aleppo, Syria, on Tuesday.**

spect in the international community.

Van der Lugt used his voice as his weapon, speaking out strongly and clearly about the abuses that the Assad regime was committing against its own people (and, more covertly, against the people of Lebanon). Given an opportunity to escape Syria earlier this year when a U.N.-brokered cease-fire permitted some of the Homs residents to leave, van der Lugt stayed. He stayed because he didn't want the people who looked to him for spiritual support to feel abandoned, saying, "The Syrian people have given me so much, so much kindness, so much inspiration and everything they have. If the Syrian people are suffering now, I want to share their pain and their difficulties."

It is perhaps difficult for citizens of this country of rights and privilege to understand what it means to live in a state of war. Many of the older, greatest generation who suffered the collateral privations of World War II have some understanding of what it means to be hungry, but not since the Civil War have bullets ripped through our cities and towns (except, of course, the ones we aim at each other out of twisted criminality).

But even though we may not be able to empathize, we need to sympathize with

men, women and most especially children who have slipped from the front pages of the newspapers but who are still behind that "line" President Barack Obama said could not be crossed without responsive action from the United States.

So, where is that action? Are we going to shrug our shoulders and say "it's their problem" or "it's complicated" or "the rebels are worse than Assad"? We were able to say that before and hide in the thicket of politics.

But the courage of a modern martyr, a man who stared down his persecutors and made the supreme sacrifice, should shame us into action, even if that action is simply to scream out "STOP!" It's a start.

My church urges forgiveness, but I cannot forgive the assassination of an elderly Jesuit. What I can do is ask all of you to remember his name and realize that the people of Syria are no different than the people on our buses, in our schools and at our tables. If we can remember that, and understand that van der Lugt stood up for their humanity in the face of inhumanity, his martyrdom will not have been in vain.

Christine M. Flowers is a lawyer and columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News.

## Novel shows American literature still vibrant

By STEVE PAUL

Sales at American book stores rose a measly 1 percent in 2013, according to trade accounts. It remains unclear whether that sluggishness — sales of ebooks have also tapered off — truly represents a further chipping away of the importance of books in our culture.

In any case, people continue to wonder with reason about the state and influence of literature in our lives.

Well, don't count it out just yet.

Based on what I saw and heard at a Boston literary event recently, the state of American literature remains vibrant.

Consider the self-made journey of NoViolet Bulawayo. A native of Zimbabwe, she emigrated to the United States, joining an aunt in Michigan, earned three college degrees — she'd intended to go to law school but "fortunately or unfortunately," she said, "studied writing instead" — and now serves as a Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford University.

Bulawayo on April 13 received the PEN/Hemingway Award, which is given to an American author for a first published work

of fiction. Bulawayo, in her early 30s, follows a long and multicultural list of award winners who are now notable writers, including Marilynne Robinson, Jhumpa Lahiri, Ben Fountain, Yi-Yun Li and Teju Cole. (Full disclosure: I'm a member of the Ernest Hemingway Foundation and Society, which co-sponsors the award with the PEN New England writers' organization and the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, site of the awards event.)

Bulawayo's novel, "We Need New Names," is an extraordinarily vivid tale of a 10-year-old Zimbabwean girl experiencing the years of chaos a decade or so ago under President Robert Mugabe's regime — Bulawayo's own girlhood took place in relatively calmer years following the nation's independence in the 1980s. The girl, Darling, and her friends steal guavas to satisfy their hunger and eventually watch homes being bulldozed during a brutal campaign against the poor and government opponents.

Before she departs, she visits an elder who conducts a tobacco ritual and declares, "The ancestors are your angels, they will bear you to America."

The next brilliant paragraph shows off Darling's narrative voice:

"Finally, he tied a bone attached to a rainbow-colored string around my waist and said, 'This is your weapon, it will fight off all evil in that America, never ever take it off, you hear?' But then when I got to America the airport dog barked and barked and sniffed me, and the woman in the uniform took me aside and waved the stick around and the stick made a ting-ting sound and the woman said, 'Are you carrying any weapons?' and I nodded and showed my weapon from Vodloza, and Aunt Fosterina said, 'What is this crap?' But then when I got and threw it in a bin. Now I have no weapon to fight evil with in America."

Bulawayo's story of immigration is a sober yet often humorous document of America's promise, America's realities and the shifting idea of home in a transplant's consciousness.

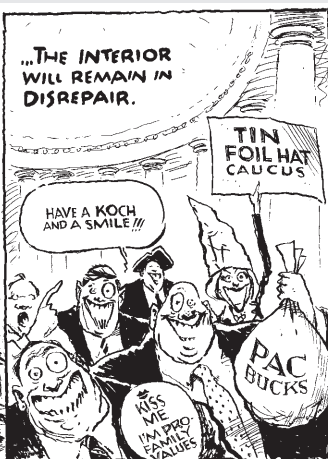
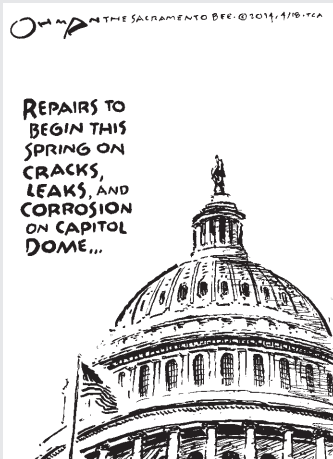
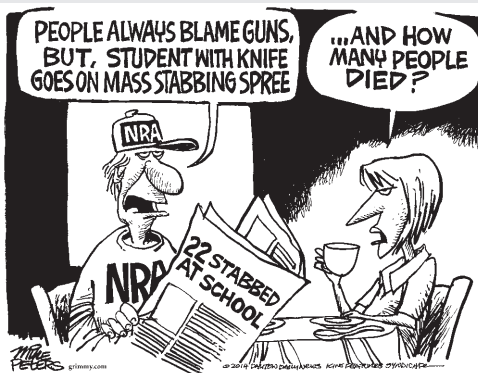
In that way, it burnishes the notion that American literature, like America itself, is a melting pot, enriched as it ever has been by the voices of immigrants.

Steve Paul is a columnist for the Kansas City Star.

# OPINION

## Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons





# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## City, retirees strike deals on pensions

**MI** DETROIT — The city of Detroit reached tentative agreements to preserve pensions for retired police officers and firefighters but cut monthly payments for other former employees, key deals that could accelerate the largest public bankruptcy in U.S. history, officials said Tuesday.

Negotiators for the general pension fund, which pays benefits to retirees who didn't work in public safety, agreed to a 4.5 percent cut and the elimination of cost-of-living payments, fund spokeswoman Tina Bassett said.

Despite the cuts, it's a vast improvement over the drastic 26 percent reduction that had been proposed by Detroit emergency manager Kevin Orr, who is guiding the city through the bankruptcy process.

Together, the agreements would cover more than 20,000 Detroit retired workers. Those retirees, as well as thousands of active employees who qualify for a future pension, will get an opportunity to vote as creditors in the bankruptcy in the weeks ahead.

Judge Steven Rhodes also needs to review the deal as part of Detroit's broader plan to emerge from bankruptcy by fall.

## Crewmembers rescued from grounded ship

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — The U.S. Coast Guard said it rescued three crewmembers aboard a towing vessel taking on water and reportedly grounded in Lake Pontchartrain.

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans' command center received a report Tuesday that the UTV Todd Michael was grounded on a shoal three miles offshore. A report with three people aboard. The agency said it launched an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew, which hoisted two people from the ship, and a response boat crew, which removed one person on a barge attached to the towing vessel.

The three men were transported to hospitals. The Coast Guard did not provide details of injuries, and crewmembers' conditions were not known.

## Court nixes drug case based on green tongue

**NH** CONCORD — The New Hampshire Supreme Court says a police officer who stopped a driver for a defective taillight had no basis for when he asked to see the driver's tongue and then used its green hue as the basis for a marijuana arrest.

The court reversed the drug convictions of Hillman Blesdell Moore, saying the Enfield officer who stopped him had no basis to ask to see his tongue and continue questioning him about whether a drug-sniffing dog might be alerted to his pickup truck.

In a unanimous decision Tuesday, the justices said Officer Roy Holland's request to see the driver's tongue transformed the routine traffic stop in November 2011 into an unconstitutional search

## THE CENSUS

# \$43.4M

The amount it will cost over 50 years to fix beach erosion problems along the shoreline in Flagler County, Fla., according to a new report by the Army Corps of Engineers. A plan that calls for the creation of a 10-foot seaward extension of existing dune and berm is headed to Congress for review. Officials say appropriation is slated for 2016, with construction beginning in 2017 at the earliest.



BOB CARE, FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU/AP

## Not your average Easter egg hunt

Spencer Slate, garbed as a scuba-diving Easter bunny, places hard-boiled eggs on the sea floor Friday in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Key Largo, Fla. Slate spearheads an underwater Easter egg hunt each year that serves as a fundraiser for a local children's charity. The eggs are decorated with food coloring to minimize impacts to the marine environment.

for evidence of drug possession.

The court says all drug evidence stemming from stop should have been suppressed at trial.

## Man files suit over burst exercise ball

**SD** SIOUX FALLS — A South Dakota man who claims he was permanently injured by an exercise ball that burst is suing the product's manufacturer for negligence.

Darold Borman, 70, of Sioux Falls, is seeking unspecified damages from Easton Bell Sports, of Van Nuys, Calif., the Argus Leader newspaper reported.

The company did not immediately file a response to the lawsuit in U.S. District Court, and spokeswoman Erin Griffin said the company doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Borman claims in his lawsuit that the exercise ball he used during a workout session in June 2011 burst and toppled him to the floor, leaving him temporarily unable to use his arms and legs. He said he has had multiple surgeries, endured months of physical therapy and was forced to remodel his home to accommodate his physical limitations.

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## Poker tourney players paid due to fake chips

**NJ** ATLANTIC CITY — A New Jersey casino is reimbursing players in a poker tournament that was suspended after counterfeit chips were discovered.

More than 2,100 entrants who finished outside the top 450 and played in the same room as the North Carolina man who is accused of introducing the fake chips will get \$560, including a refund of their \$60 entry fees from the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa.

The final 27 players are to

share the remaining prize money, which comes to \$19,323 each.

The 423 gamblers who fell outside the top 27 but in the money are not to get further payments but those who have not been paid will be.

The settlement was ordered by the state Division of Gaming Enforcement.

## Woman, 90, buys back stolen medical bracelet

**FL** ORMOND BEACH — A 90-year-old woman had to shell out \$200 to get her stolen medical alert bracelet back after it turned up at a central Florida coin shop.

Nell McBride told the Daytona Beach News-Journal she's "out the money now" but that she had to get her bracelet back.

Police said a 26-year-old housekeeper who worked at the retirement home took the bracelet.

Ormond Beach police spokesman Keith Walker said the law is made to protect pawn shops. Once a police report is filed and charges are pending, the victim is able to buy back the item for the cost the broker paid.

If a victim can prove to a judge that the item was stolen, the pawnshop must return the item

and could be on the hook for attorney's fees.

## Teen asks Miss America out, gets suspended

**PA** YORK — A Pennsylvania high school student is in hot water for asking Miss America to the prom during a question-and-answer session at school.

Patrick Farves, 18, said he received three days of in-school suspension Thursday because he asked Nina Davuluri to prom.

The senior at Central York High School stood up and popped the prom question, then walked to the stage with a plastic flower. Davuluri just laughed and the students cheered.

School officials heard about Farves' plan in advance and warned him not to do it. He has apologized for disrupting the event.

The school says students are disciplined for breaking rules and this incident is no different.

Davuluri was at the school to talk with students about diversity and the importance of science, technology, engineering and math studies.

From wire reports

## SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

# Microbes Rule

## Tiny organisms almost killed all life on Earth, study finds

By DEBORAH NETBURN  
Los Angeles Times

**T**iny microbes on the bottom of the ocean floor may have been responsible for the largest extinction event our planet has ever seen, according to a new study.

Those microbes of death were so small that 1 billion of them could fit in a thimble full of ocean sediment, and yet they were almost responsible for killing off all the life on our planet, the scientists suggest.

The end-Permian extinction was the most catastrophic mass extinction the Earth has ever seen. It started roughly 252 million years ago — long before the dinosaurs — and it continued for 20,000 years. By the time it was over, nearly 90 percent of all life on Earth had been destroyed, scientists say.

"It was not as dramatic as the impact that probably killed the dinosaurs, but it was worse," said Gregory Fournier, an evolutionary biologist at MIT. "Things were very close to being over for good."

Scientists have struggled to understand exactly what caused the long, slow mass die-off in this dark era of our planet's history. The geologic record tells us there was a sharp uptick of CO<sub>2</sub> levels at the time. That would have caused the oceans to acidify and the Earth to heat up, making the environment inhospitable for most forms of life. But what actually caused the CO<sub>2</sub> levels to rise has remained a mystery.

Some scientists have suggested an asteroid impact could be to blame; others have proposed that volcanic activity or coal fires might be the culprit.

Now, in a paper published last week in PNAS, researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Nanjing, China, have fingered a new and unlikely suspect — a tiny methane-spewing microbe known as Methanosarcina.

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evolutionary biologist, MIT

The first clue that microscopic microbes could be involved in the greatest die-off the Earth has ever known came when MIT geophysicist Dan Rothman was looking at how carbon levels grew during this time. What he saw was not a straight line but rather a rapid upward curve.

"The growth was like what you might see in a real estate bubble or a financial bubble," he said. "If the CO<sub>2</sub> came from the sudden combustion of a coal field in Siberia, it wouldn't behave this way. It has this special character that is consistent with microbial processes."

It was the first time anyone had suggested microbes might be involved with the end-Permian extinction, but far from the first time that microbes have been accused of changing the chemistry of our planet. For example, photosynthetic microbes are responsible for creating the first oxygen in the Earth's atmosphere.

"It is absolutely normal that microbes are mediating the great elemental cycles," said Rothman. "What they do is crucial. And if they do better or worse, things change."

Fournier put it this way: "Microbiologists like to say, 'Microbes rule the Earth, and we just live on it.'"

To figure out which specific microbe might have a hand in this ancient catastrophe, Rothman took his research to Fournier, who had published a paper about Methanosarcina in 2008. The paper showed that sometime in the last 400 million years, Methanosarcina was the recipient of a gene transfer that allowed it to produce methane more efficiently than ever before.

After seeing Rothman's analysis, Fournier worked to date the time of the gene transfer more specifically and found it most likely occurred about 250 million years ago.

Although the researchers cannot say for certain that the microbe and the vast quantities of methane it produced were responsible for the end-Permian extinction, they do have one more line of evidence to support their hypothesis. To turn acetate into methane, Methanosarcina needs nickel.

ILLUSTRATION BY BEV SCHILLING/Stars and Stripes

"Even if they had all the food in the world they would be limited if they were starved for nickel," Fournier said.

If there was a lot of nickel around, the microbes would be unhindered.

And, wouldn't you know, much of the volcanic activity at the time occurred around the Siberian traps, which has some of the world's largest deposits of nickel.



## NATION

From left, Erick Izquierdo, Josiah Spear and Cole McSorley look at a Trail Life handbook during a gathering of members in North Richland Hills, Texas, in February.



# TRADING TRADITION TRADITIONAL VALUES

BY NOMAN MERCHANT  
*The Associated Press*

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, Texas

**C**HATTING in the living room one night, Ron Orr gave his son Andrew, 15, a choice: He could stick with the Boy Scouts of America and his mission to become an Eagle Scout, or he could join Trail Life USA — the new Christian-based alternative that excludes openly gay boys.

This was no small decision. Four generations of Orr men had been Eagles, including Ron and Andrew's older brother. Andrew had spent years working toward Scouting's highest rank, and was just months from reaching it.

But the Boy Scouts had decided to admit gays, and Ron Orr, a tall, soft-spoken man with a firm handshake, is clear about his Christian faith and what it says about ho-

mosexuality: It is a sin that cannot be tolerated.

His son agreed. He would forgo the century-old BSA for Trail Life, which officially launched last month.

"It felt like I'd be hitting something higher than Eagle in terms of achievement," Andrew said.

Orr and his son left BSA and set out with other families to build a new organization based on what they believe to be Christian values. Orr is a regional organizer who speaks to churches and groups about Trail Life. His son now aspires to achieve a Freedom Award, the new group's highest rank.

The Orrs and others in Trail Life say they are fighting for the traditional values of Christianity and of Scouting, which includes a command in the Scout Oath to be "morally straight" — even as a changing

America grows more accepting of gays and gay marriage. They are leaving an organization central to many of their upbringings with heavy hearts, but also with the belief that the Scouting they knew no longer exists.

"As Christians from a scriptural basis, we love all folks, but the Scripture is very clear that being homosexual is a sin," Ron Orr said. "We've got to be able to hold a strong line and set a consistent example for our young men."

## Seeking alternatives

Trail Life has established units in more than 40 states, mostly from Boy Scouts and parents who feel their old organization has lost its way. It has about 600 units up and running or in the process of registration, executive director Rob Green said. As

many as half of those who have expressed interest were not affiliated with the Boy Scouts beforehand, Green said.

It is still a tiny movement compared with Scouting, which has nearly 2.5 million youth members and remains a powerful force in American life, even with a 6 percent drop in membership last year.

Trail Life's official membership standards policy welcomes all boys, but adds, "We grant membership to adults and youths who do not engage in or promote sexual immorality of any kind, or engage in behavior that would become a distraction to the mission of the program."

For more than a century, Scouting banned openly gay youths and leaders, fighting all the way to the Supreme Court to defend its right to do so. Leaders who were revealed to be gay were excluded, and

NO LONGER LOYAL TO SCOUTS, BOYS JOIN 'MORALLY STRAIGHT' TRAIL LIFE





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some boys were denied Eagle Scout awards by regional councils that were notified of their sexual orientation.

But the Scouts eventually began to face pressure from sponsors and CEOs who serve in Scouting leadership but lead companies with antidiscrimination policies. BSA surveys also showed that youths and parents of Scouting-age children were supportive of allowing openly gay Scouts.

Scouting leadership proposed a compromise: Accept openly gay youth, but exclude gay adult volunteers. BSA's National Council voted in May to enact it.

There are signs that the change worked. One of the gay Scouts who rallied for the change, Pascal Tessier, of Maryland, has since received his Eagle award. Threats of massive departures from Scouting ranks have not materialized. Early reports suggest a small percentage of Scouts left BSA due to the policy — far less than even what Scouting leaders were led to expect by surveys conducted before the vote.

Ultimately, Scouting voted in favor of a new policy that allows us to serve more kids," Deron Smith, BSA's national spokesman, said in an email. "That said, we're pleased that the strong majority of our Scouting family remains committed to Scouting."

But the vote also angered many people affiliated with Scouting, particularly in more conservative parts of the country. Many of them have stayed with Scouting so far. Others have sought alternatives, from Trail Life to other youth groups sponsored by churches.

"We're trying to learn from the mistakes of the Boy Scouts," said John Stemberger, an Orlando, Fla., lawyer who led the opposition to BSA's May vote and went on to found Trail Life.

Stemberger accused BSA of imposing "an artificial political and social agenda" on its national membership at the expense of its rank-and-file members and churches.

"They have now allowed open and avowed presentation in your face, here and queer, that kind of blunt thing," he said in an interview late last year. "And we don't think that's appropriate. We will allow boys of same-sex attraction in the program. We're not going to allow them to facilitate and promote that."

## Instilling values

Some of the parents who took their children out of Scouting and into Trail Life admit feeling the loss of BSA's history and tradition. They remember Eagle Scout ceremonies and trips to BSA's national campsgrounds, and acknowledge that their children won't experience those things in quite the same way.

But they say the threat to their children's values outweighs any of that.

Orr home-schooled his two sons, one of whom is now in college, and leads his local association of home-school parents in North Richland Hills, Texas, a conservative suburb of Fort Worth.

Orr said he was confident before the vote that the policy change would fail. When it didn't, he and his association's board began to study alternatives.

Orr attended Trail Life's national convention in September, where he met with others interested in a new program and came away confident that it would work for his son and other boys in the home-school association. He's now one of Trail Life's leading recruiters, responsible for six states in the Southwest.

"When we saw Trail Life unveiled, what I saw was a program built on strong Christian principles, but those were integrated into a young man's development," he said.

All of the families in his Trail Life unit belong to the home-schooling association. They put a great emphasis on traditional Christian values, taking a direct hand in their children's education to make sure those values are instilled.

"We feel strongly enough that they should be taught at a young age and modeled," said Lisa Glaspell, the mother of three young boys. She just signed up her oldest, Malachi, 5, for Trail Life.

"I'm a single parent, and I knew he would be surrounded by men of good strong character," Glaspell said.

On a recent winter evening, about 40 boys from the unit attended a Trail Life meeting inside a nondenominational Christian Church. All of the boys, ages 5 to 16, met together before splitting off into age and rank groups.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, it was time for them to raise their right hands and say the Trail Life Oath, which calls on the boys in part "to serve God and my country, to respect authority, and to be a good steward of creation."

They then sat down for a religious talk from their adult Trailmaster, Philip Buchholz. He told them that it was important for them to stay true to who they are.

"You're the salt of the earth," Buchholz told the boys, quoting Matthew 5:13. "The salt was a preservative. You guys, being the

**I see all of these elements working together to truly build upon the foundation they received in Boy Scouts and maybe go to a new standard as they move forward in Trail Life.**

Ron Orr,

father of former Boy Scout

salt of the earth, are a preservative."

## Building on a foundation

Trail Life has just seven paid staffers so far. It is still working through signing up new units and building the infrastructure that a national youth organization will need. The organization is relying on a \$325 chartering fee for new units, as well as membership fees, merchandise sales and some private donations.

Stemberger said he's heartened by the "organic" growth so far and predicts more Scouts will defect, particularly if BSA eventually opens its doors to openly gay adult leaders.

"When they do that, we'll be in a position to see real growth," he said.

The boys and their parents are still getting used to a world of new names, new ranks and new uniforms that haven't arrived yet. They hold up five fingers while reciting their oath, instead of three. Scouts are now "Trailmen," and troops are now

units. There is a new handshake and a new salute.

Trail Life has issued a chart to help transfer Scouting ranks into Trail Life ranks. It has a handbook that covers camping, knots and other skills familiar to any Scout. To achieve the Freedom Award, boys will choose subjects for a "major" and two "minors," something Trail Life organizers hope will give the boys new opportunities to learn and challenge themselves.

"I see all of these elements working together to truly build upon the foundation they received in Boy Scouts and maybe go to a new standard as they move forward in Trail Life," Orr said.

It will be years before the parents know if the change and their effort were worth it.

After Buchholz's talk about Scripture, another adult leader, Joshua White, announced the winner of the vote that opened their meeting: to rename the box-car races known nationwide by Scouts as the Pinewood Derby. The winning name for the Derby was the Trail Life Grand Prix, and the boy who suggested the name won a patch to be sewn onto his formal uniform, once it's ready.

White wasn't a Boy Scout growing up, but went to high school with Eagle Scouts who he admired greatly.

"From pretty much that point on, I knew I wanted my son to be a part of that," he said. His son, now 11, joined Cub Scouts and soon shared his dad's dream.

The policy on gays changed that.

Sitting next to Orr during the meeting, White began to cry as he described what his son said: "I wanted to go with what God would want."

His voice wavered.

"It made it clear that he had taught him what he needed to know," he said.



**Trail Life members form a circle and recite the organization's creed. The Christian-based alternative to the Boy Scouts of America excludes openly gay members.**

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**Malachi Glaspell, right, prays with Layton Young, center, Jack Eversole and other members of Trail Life during a meeting.**

## FACES

# Kidman gets to the very soul of adventure

By JEFFREY FLEISHMAN  
Los Angeles Times

It's too easy to start with the face or what she wears, how she sits. The color of her earrings. The essence is in the vowels, the way she holds and releases them. The voice drops a register, as if in a conspiracy, and a morning conversation drifts across art, ambition, age and riding canals in the desert.

Many roles come to mind when Nicole Kidman speaks: inconsolable mother, suicidal writer, dangerous weather girl, nuclear scientist, gangster lover, top-hatted cabaret singer and Southern femme fatale with an unorthodox remedy for jellyfish stings. They are all there, unapologetic, in tones of tenacity and risk that have defined her career. One senses she is the kind who would either win big or lose it all at the track.

"I'm going to make choices. I'm going to live and die on them. I'll take the flak. I'll take the hits. I'll take the accolades," said Kidman, who won the Academy Award for lead actress for her rendering of Virginia Woolf in "The Hours." "I'll take whatever comes with it, but ultimately I'm on an exploration. I want to excite myself."

Her latest role — as the dutiful wife of a psychologically scarred former prisoner of war — is not adorned in eccentricities; it is more steady flame than fireworks. It does not flaunt the diamonds and intrigue in her upcoming portrayals of Princess Grace Kelly and Gertrude Bell, a spy and explorer who trekked the deserts of the Middle East.

Her depiction of Patti Lomax in "The Railway Man" is a quiet portrait of a woman fighting for her husband's sanity. "I'm usually larger than life and this is real life,"

said Kidman. "I think Baz [Luhmann] said once, 'You're never going to be cast as the girl next door,' and I'm, like, sometimes I'd love to be cast as the girl next door. I really see Patti as the girl next door."

The film is based on the autobiography of Eric Lomax, a Scot in the British army who was tortured by the Japanese during World

War II. It is a tale of atrocity, memory and how two broken men — Lomax and his tormentor — are healed decades later in an unanticipated act of forgiveness. Kidman's part is small, poignant and distinctive.

"I had never played a role where I just got to love on screen, and I think that's what Patti does, in a pure way," said Kidman, who spent hours watching taped interviews of Patti, a 77-year-old retired nurse. "She's very sensible in that Scottish way and she's very pragmatic, yet she's very loving. ... They navigated through it as a couple, and that's what I find very compelling and comforting."

Portrayed by Colin Firth, Lomax, then in his 60s, is obsessed with war crimes and mass graves and sets out to confront Nagase Takashi, the English-language translator in the torture sessions. For years Lomax, who died in 2012, had plotted revenge, but after meeting Takashi realized that retaliation would not

Lomax carried into his marriage to Patti, who speaks in matter-of-fact sentences. "It was quite a unique event when Eric and Nagase met," she said in a phone interview from Japan, where she was touring with the film. "The psychiatrists didn't want us to do it. It had never been done before. ... Eric was fully intending to kill him. He was desperate to get this ogre in his mind, but when he got there (in 1993) it wasn't the man from his past. It was an old man wanting forgiveness. Eric's anger just drained away."

Directed by Jonathan Teplitzky, the film is one of a number in recent years, including the upcoming "Unbroken," the story of American G.I. Louis Zamperini, to examine World War II and Japanese prison camps. Kidman said many old veterans "are carrying around huge burdens" and young soldiers returning today from Iraq and Afghanistan are "deeply traumatized ... it's devastating."

Kidman is a busy actress and a prodigious researcher, sifting through the layers

**'I'm going to make choices. I'm going to live and die on them. I'll take the flak. I'll take the hits. I'll take the accolades.'**

Nicole Kidman

currently starring in the movie "The Railway Man" with Colin Firth, right



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erase what he and thousands of soldiers had endured.

"Torture, after all, is inconspicuous; all it needs is water, a piece of wood and a loud voice. It takes place in squalid rooms, dirty backyards and basements, and there is nothing left to preserve when it is over," Lomax wrote in his autobiography. "Marks on the body can fade quickly ... (but) the hidden traces which can't simply be built over are uncovered and brought back into the light."

Such were the demons

of characters. She is discriminating, and when she speaks of larger-than-life roles her Australian vowels flatten and harden with intensity. "I try to be right in there, and that allows me the emotional kind of well with an enormous amount of experience now," said Kidman, 46. "I don't have to struggle to find things, which is a great place to be as an actress. It's just, I then have to be careful what I choose, where I choose to place it and whose hands I put it in. At this stage, I don't want to waste my time because it's so precious. I want to work with people who want to delve deeply. I'm not interested in lightweight stuff."

AP

## Williams in talks to reprise 'Mrs. Doubtfire' role

The Associated Press

Fox 2000 is developing the sequel to the 1993 hit comedy "Mrs. Doubtfire," which starred Robin Williams.

The follow-up will be penned by "Elf" writer David Berenbaum, the studio's spokeswoman, Chelsey Summey, confirmed on April 17.

While no deals are in place yet, Williams and Chris Columbus are in talks to join the production, Summey said.

The 62-year-old Williams would reprise his role as Mrs. Doubtfire, and Columbus would be back to direct and produce with his company 1492.

Williams starred in "Mrs. Doubtfire" as struggling actor Daniel Hillard, a father of three who disguised himself as a nanny,

Mrs. Doubtfire, to spend time with his kids. The former wife of Williams' Daniel was played by Sally Field.

The original film made more than \$400 million worldwide.

### Adam Levine designs clothes for women

Maroon 5 frontman-turned-designer Adam Levine says his lack of fashion training is not a problem.

"I don't know how to read music, but I can still play. So I don't really give a (expletive) about formal training or going to school," said Levine in an interview April 17 at an event for his latest Kmart collection. "You don't have to be trained in everything to be good at it."

"The Voice" coach said skepti-

cism of some celebrity designers is warranted, but insisted his collection is not "your average, celebrity-hawked fashion line."

"I didn't want it to just be something that I phoned in," Levine said. "So I was really involved in the process."

The collection, which retails for \$30 or less, includes colorful, casual printed T-shirts, mini crop tops, twill and jean shorts and patterned maxi dresses. Levine's menswear line for Kmart launched last fall.

"I kind of know what I like for both men and women. I think that it's a little more difficult and challenging when you're not, it's not something you can conceptualize, or it's not something you can conceive of wearing," he said of designing for the opposite sex. "So I needed to get a little bit of help."

Levine's Victoria's Secret model fiancée Behati Prinsloo lent him a hand.

### Other news

■ Idris Elba has welcomed a baby boy named Winston. The actor tweeted Friday that his son was born Thursday. Elba's girlfriend, Niyana Garth, gave birth. It's his second child.

■ Previously unreleased recordings of country music legend Hank Williams performing songs on a 1950 radio show will be released May 20 for download and on vinyl. "The Garden Spot Programs, 1950" features 24 songs and jingles from a taped show that aired on early country radio stations, sponsored by a Texas plant nursery.

■ The brash animated se-



AP

**Fox 2000 is working on a sequel to "Mrs. Doubtfire," which starred Robin Williams.**

ries "The Boondocks" returns to Adult Swim for its fourth and final season without Aaron McGruder, the man who spawned it, but with its brassiness intact. A future episode even spoofs "Breaking Bad."

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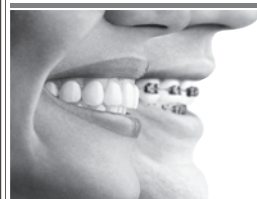
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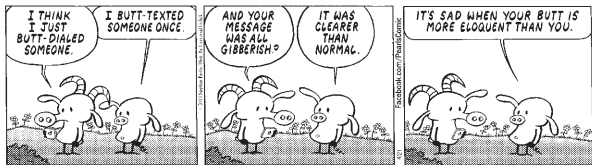
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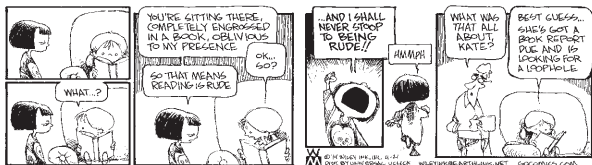
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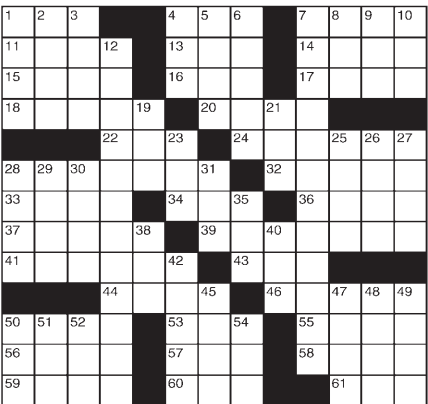
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## GOLF/COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Cristie Kerr, left, gives Michelle Wie a hug celebrating Wie's win at the LPGA LOTTE Championship tournament on Saturday.

## Golf roundup

# Wie rallies to first LPGA win on US soil

The Associated Press

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — Michelle Wie rallied from four strokes back entering the day to shoot a 5-under 67 Saturday and win the LPGA LOTTE Championship.

The 24-year-old American finished at 14-under 274 after coming into the final round trailing third-round leader Angela Stanford by four shots after Friday's play. It was Wie's third career victory on the LPGA Tour and first since taking the CN Canadian Women's Open in 2010.

And she did it at home. "I'm just having fun out there," said Wie, who grew up in Honolulu. "I was looking around. I felt there was no place I'd rather be."

**PGA Tour:** Luke Donald shot a 66 to take a two-stroke lead over John Huh after three rounds of the RBC Heritage at Hilton Head Island, S.C. on Saturday.

Donald has done just about everything on Harbour Town Golf Links the past five years — except win. He lost in a playoff to Brandt Snedeker here in 2011, part of a run of four top-three finishes since 2009. Donald had an eagle and six birdies to finish at 8-under 205 and carry the lead into Sunday here for the second time in that stretch.

**Champions Tour:** Fun-loving Miguel Angel Jimenez might turn the Champions Tour into his personal cigar-and-wine club. Ever-serious Bernhard Langer keeps churning out sub-par rounds. Bad back and all, Fred Couples is thriving in the wind and cold rain.

It makes for an enticing last group in Sunday's final round of the Greater Gwinnett Championship at Duluth, Ga.

Jimenez, continuing his impressive Tour debut, shot a 2-under 70 on Saturday and leads by one stroke after two days at TPC Sugarloaf.

**European Tour:** Lee Westwood ended a two-year winless drought with a seven-shot victory at the Malaysian Open on Sunday.

After a four-hour delay due to the threat of lightning in the middle of the final round, Westwood went on to shoot a 4-under par 68 to complete an 18-under 270 at the Kuala Lumpur Country Club course for his 36th career victory.

Westwood led from start to finish in the co-sanctioned European and Asian Tour event that he also won in 1997.

South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen (68), the 2012 champion, along with Belgium's Nicolas Colaserts (70) and Austria's Bernd Wiesberger (67) shared a distant second place on 11 under.

# Surge: Negative connotations once associated with transfers have faded

## FROM BACK PAGE

The result is that the college hoops transfer market has exploded. For recent grads looking for one last shot at the Final Four, disgruntled players looking for more minutes and junior college stars hoping to land a high-major scholarship, the late signing period offers hope for both players and their new schools.

Research by the NCAA shows that the number of transfers from two-year/junior college schools into Division I has remained steady over the past 10 years or so, hovering between roughly 15 percent and 17 percent of all Division I players.

The real movement, though, is within Division I.

According to STATS, the number of transfers from one Division I school to another jumped from 259 to 325 from 2012-13 to 2013-14 alone. That number could go much higher once this year's transfers are tallied.

Negative connotations once associated with transfers have faded and the use of the graduate transfer rule made popular by Super-Bowl winning quarterback Russell Wilson is growing. Wilson left North Carolina State and led Wisconsin to the Rose Bowl as a "one-and-done" senior.

The rule allows immediate participation to players who have graduated with a year of eligibility left, had yet to use a transfer and had their scholarship or aid run out at their original school. Those who don't meet all the criteria can apply for a waiver.

Though grad transfers still represent a small portion of the



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Iowa State guard DeAndre Kane transferred from Marshall with one year of basketball eligibility left and led the Cyclones to their first Sweet 16 in 14 years.

transfer market, Iowa State's DeAndre Kane highlighted the trend this season in basketball by leading the Cyclones to their first Sweet 16 in 14 years.

Iowa State has already lined up Kane's replacement in former Nevada-Las Vegas star Bryce Dejean-Jones, and big man Jameel McKay, who left Marquette without ever playing a game, should bolster its front court.

More high-profile schools are also getting in on the transfer craze.

Florida coach Billy Donovan, who went 13 years without a transfer, has had one in each of the past five seasons. Arizona transfer guard T.J. McConnell helped the Wildcats spend much of last season ranked No. 1, and Mississippi State transfer Rodney Hood averaged 16.1 points a game for Duke last season.

The NCAA said Friday that its Division I Board of Directors next week will look at so-called hardship transfers involving players who change schools citing "difficult life circumstances." Typically, some of those players have been allowed to play immediately but the board will review a recommendation that such transfers sit out a season to focus on their new school and life situation while getting an extra year added to their eligibility.

The NCAA said the change would provide consistency and reduce concerns about abuse of the waiver process — something that's on the mind of Michigan State coach Tom Izzo.

"It's sad that we're in that position," Izzo said. "I understand it and everyone wants one. If it's a fifth-year guy, I swallow it. But the underclassmen who are transferring and trying to be eligible immediately, I think it's free agency and I think it's going to hurt our game eventually."

## Did you know

Super Bowl-winning quarterback Russell Wilson of the Seattle Seahawks made use of the graduate transfer rule to leave North Carolina State and lead Wisconsin to the 2012 Rose Bowl as a "one-and-done" senior.



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## Vilseck has replaced lost diamond gems

## Track athletes get first chance to shine

When All-Europe pitching phenom Johnny Bohnenmann and a few of his more talented teammates headed out of town last summer, it seemed Vilseck baseball was a victim of the dreaded PCS relocation season that can cause such disorder on DODDS Europe rosters.

But the annual game of musical chairs doesn't always end on a sour note.

While Falcons coach Dan Soulia has reluctantly scratched some familiar names off his roster, he's also pencilled in some promising new ones. On Saturday, that new talent delivered a memorable win.

Kurt Hall, a transfer from Fort Knox, Ky., pitched a one-hit shutout and struck out nine in seven innings as the Falcons stunned perennial powerhouse Patch 2-0. Josh Platt and Brad Patterson, new arrivals from Fort Drum (N.J.) and Fort Hood (Texas), respectively, notched one each of the Falcons' four hits, just enough to scrape together the needed runs to turn Hall's gem into a win.

**AFNORTH:** He'll have to wait until next month to vie for the title of DODDS Europe's fastest man, but Lions

racer CJ Watkins can call himself the fastest man in the North for now. Watkins won the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes on Saturday against packed fields from five rival schools in each event.

**Alconbury:** Olivia Sealey landed a blow for the Dragon girls track team Saturday at Brussels, sprinting to an impressive five-second win in the 100-meter hurdles. That effort and her unopposed top finish in the triple jump accounted for the school's only individual wins on the day.

**American Overseas School of Rome:** Idle on the weekend, but eager for another postseason run after a second-place finish last season, the AOSR boys soccer team enters its regular-season stretch run early next month. The team plays Signella, Aviano and defending champion Marmout over a seven-day stretch starting May 3.

**Ansbach:** Ace pitcher Austin Benton hurled a no-hitter and came within a plunked Baumholder batter of a perfect game in a 17-0 win on Saturday. Brandon Piccinini, a new addition to the Ansbach lineup, marched in the concurrent Cougar hit parade with a third-inning home run.

The homecoming Cougars completed the sweep with a late 1-2 win over the Bucs.

**Aviano:** The Saints boys soccer team landed a blow against in-country nemesis Naples on Saturday, forcing the undefeated, region-leading Wildcats into a 2-2 tie.

Naples had won its previous three games by at least a three-goal margin, but below-.500 Aviano was up for the challenge. Nathan Seivry scored both Saints' goals, including the tying score late in the second half off an assist by Vadante Holland.

**Bamberg:** Dominique Lamons didn't need Saturday's regular-season meet to establish her as DODDS Europe's incumbent girls track powerhouse. But she performed as if she did.

Lamons took first place in the discus and shot put by astronomical margins over a tough six-team field that included Division I contenders Patch and host Vilseck. The efforts fueled a solid fourth-place showing for the tiny Division III school.



ADAM L. MATHIS/Stars and Stripes

**Lakenheath's Bailee Hughes winds up and delivers a pitch during a softball doubleheader against Kaiserslautern on Saturday at RAF Lakenheath, England. The teams split the games when the Lancers edged the Raiders in the second game.**

**Baumholder:** The Bucs boys soccer team picked up its first win of the season, and with it the first girls and boys sweep of the school's season, with a 4-1 win over Ansbach on Friday. Terence Wilson, Lucas Barclay, Kofi Adutwum and Tracy Crockett score a goal apiece for Baumholder while goalkeeper Yorel Smalls kept the Cougars restrained.

**Bitburg:** Baron goalkeeper Jacob Mason made the only save required of him and the rest of the Bitburg boys soccer defense kept Hohenefels out of scoring range in forcing a scoreless tie on Saturday.

The low-scoring affair was a marked contrast to its last game before spring break, an 11-1 blowout over Baumholder.

**Black Forest Academy:** It was a quiet weekend for the Falcons with both the soccer and track teams standing idle. The action picks up next week; the track team piles into a five-team meet at Bitburg, while the soccer squads host Bitburg.

**Brussels:** The boys of the Brigands' 1,600-meter sprint medley team made sure the home team didn't come away empty-handed from the six-team season-opening track meet the school hosted Saturday.

Canyon LeClair, Andrew Sterns, Patrick Loynd and Xavier Blackburn trotted to a blistering time of 4:05.53, nearly 20 seconds ahead of runner-up Lakenheath. The top finisher helped Brussels to a strong third-place showing behind the Lancers and SHAPE.

**Hohenefels:** Tigers' standout goalkeeper Justin Standiford posted consecutive shutouts in goal over the weekend, helping his team to a win and a tie and evening its season record to 2-2-1.

Standiford made 13 saves in scoreless tie with Bitburg on Friday and six more in a 3-0 defeat of Baumholder the next day.

**International School of Brussels:** The Raider soccer teams are off their DODDS Europe schedule until the first weekend of May, when they'll travel to the United Kingdom to face Alconbury and Lakenheath. Then it's off to the European tournament starting May 19, where the ISB boys will try to defend their Division I crown.

**Kaiserslautern:** The school spent the early part of the baseball and softball seasons roughing up overmatched opponents. Saturday brought their first dose of Division I reality and the Raiders were ready.

The Kaiserslautern diamond squads took three of four games from host Lakenheath, sweeping the baseball doubleheader and splitting the softball pair. Only a 12-11 loss in the late softball game prevented a perfect road swing through the U.K.

**Lakenheath:** The Lancers softball team salvaged a split Saturday with visiting Kaiserslautern, surviving a nine-run final-inning Raider rally to record one last ground-ball out and take a 12-11 victory. The 3-1 Lancers will need a lot more of that grit next weekend as they travel to Germany for a twin bill with defending champ Ramstein.

**Marmout:** Like rival AOSR, the defending Division II European champion Lions will play a rigorous three-game set in May to prepare for the postseason. Marmout's opponents are Naples, Vicenza and, suitably, AOSR.

**Menwith Hill:** The Division III Mustangs were surrounded by larger schools in a six-team track meet Saturday, but strongman Jonathan Brugman more than held his own. The All-Europe football lineman threw around considerable weight, winning first place in the shot put and discus by a considerable margin.

**Naples:** Of all the stars that played a part in the Wildcats' boys and girls track sweep Saturday in Vicenza, Naples runners Juno Ponce and Caroline Bracken were among the brightest.

Bracken won the 1,600-meter race by over five seconds, and the 3,200-meter race by over 15; Ponce smoked the field in the 100-meter dash and handled a leg in the school's 1,600-meter relay win.

**Patch:** While the Panthers baseball team ran into some trouble in a doubleheader split with Vilseck, the softball squad experienced no such issues against the Falcons.

Breanna Rodriguez went 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBI in an 11-1 opening romp, and Shannon Nam went a symmetrical 4-for-4 with four RBI in the 18-6 win that completed the lopsided Saturday sweep.

**Ramstein:** It's not the full serving of revenge they're after, but Friday's 4-3 home-field girls soccer win over defending champion Patch might hold them over until their possible title-game rematch next month.

The inexorable forward duo of Hunter Pace and Ebony Madrid teamed up for the decisive goal late in the second half of the rollicking rematch, giving the Royals at least a marginal psychological edge as the teams look forward to continuing their long-running rivalry in the European title game.

**Schweinfurt:** Timo Tofagut got the Razorbacks in the win column of Saturday's track meet at Vilseck. His long jump of 19 feet, 8 inches landed him almost at full foot ahead of his closest rival.

**SHAPE:** Spartan speedster Ryan Painé ranked among DODDS Europe's most prolific and successful track stars Saturday. The sprinter took first in every event in which she competed, including top individual finishes in at 100 and 200 meters and a spot on SHAPE's victorious 4x100-meter relay and 1,600-meter sprint medley units. Painé's efforts kept her team's second-place finish behind Lakenheath at the six-team meet in Brussels.

**Signella:** The 3-3 Jaguars softball squad pursues a winning record against two familiar in-country rivals next weekend, its first action after spring break. Signella, which has split two games each with Naples, Aviano and Vicenza, plays Vicenza again Friday and Aviano again on Saturday.

**Vicenza:** Naples claimed track victories in both the boys and girls sprints race Saturday, but the host Cougar track team certainly had its moments.

Vicenza claimed top honors in both the boys and girls 4x100-meter relay, and triple-jumper Jerome Farmer and shot-put specialist Eugenia Johnson ranked among the school's individual event winners.

**Wiesbaden:** The team that shot to the front of the DODDS Europe track pack last spring shows no signs of tapering off this season.

The Warriors' boys team ran away from a tough field that included Division I rivals Ramstein and Kaiserslautern in Saturday's season-opening meet. Anthony Little, CJ Pridgen, Jesse Hendrix, Alex Wieman and Reynold Lewis contributed to a near-sweep of the meet's individual running events for the host Warriors.

— Gregory Broomer

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## HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND



KAYLA BOWEN/Special to Stars and Stripes

Yokota first baseman A.J. Leake awaits a throw as Zama baserunner Keanu Cruz dives into first during Saturday's round-robin game in the DODDS Japan high school baseball tournament at Camp Zama, Japan. The teams tied 5-5 in the second tie game of the tournament.

# Yokota's Galvin breaks 800 mark

## Sophomore credits work in other sports with record-setting effort

**D**aniel Galvin joined some pretty exclusive track and field company last month, what could be called the "800 Club," six Pacific distance runners, the only ones to run the event in under 2 minutes.

On Saturday at Tokyo's Oi Pier Ground under windy, sunny skies, the Yokota sophomore topped the other five members of that club, clocking the event in 1 minute, 56.89 seconds. That broke the six-year-old mark of 1:57.3 posted by Blake Bannister of Christian Academy Japan.

And he and his coach, former Hong Kong Olympian Maggie Chan-Roper, say this could just be the start. "He's very coachable and willing to work hard," said Chan-Roper, adding that Galvin worked hard over the just-completed spring break.

Truthfully, Galvin says he's been working toward this result long before track season began, both in JV basketball and cross country.

After winning the DODDS Japan and Kanto Plain cross-country crowns, Galvin worked on his short-distance game during early morning and afternoon basketball practices, doing what he called speed workouts.

"That really helped me with my 800 and 400 times," he said.

It also helped him put Bannister and the other four "800 Club" members in the rear-view mirror. CAJ's Marshall Merriam (1993), Kyle Carrick (2000), Tomas Sanchez of Kadena (2010) and Kubasaki's Ryan Bugler (2013) are the only others to break the 2-minute barrier.

Galvin had been running against the clock the first few weeks of the season, before American School in Japan and its distance contingent began competing this month.

**Kinnick:** Meet the new champs. Same as the old champs. The Red Devils, with their senior-laden pitching staffs, did what they've done every year since the advent of DODDS Japan baseball and softball

tournaments: Win them. Kinnick baseball posted a tournament-best 3-0-1 mark, while Red Devils softball beat E.J. King 12-3 for the title.

**Zama:** Megan Hurley and Katrina Reid each had a goal and an assist for the Trojans, who visited one of the favorites to win the Far East Division II girls soccer tournament, Matthew C. Perry, and came away with a 2-1 win and a 1-1 draw.

**Edgren:** Eagle Nation looks ahead to Saturday, when the only DODDS Japan track and field meet of the season to not be hosted by Yokota comes to Misawa Air Base. The meet will feature automated timing, courtesy of Yokota coach Chan-Roper.

**Perry:** The Samurai boys could also have their hands full with Zama at Far East D-II. Aiden Lewis had three goals and three assists and Pacific leader Gaku Lange had three goals as Perry outlasted the Trojans in two wild matches, 7-5 and 6-3.

**E.J. King:** They started the season with five straight defeats, but the Cobras boys soccer team appears to have found some momentum, going 2-0-1 in their last three matches, including a 5-0 win Friday and a 1-1 draw in two interdistrict matches at Daegu.

**Daegu:** On the same Camp Carroll pitch where E.J. King's boys won, the Warriors girls got two goals from Rose O'Houahan and won for the first time in 11 matches, edging the Cobras 2-1.

**Humphreys:** DODDS Korea track and field continues to make strides, welcoming international schools and holding a middle school meet for the first time at Blackhawks Field. Seoul Foreign and Gyeonggi Suwon

International each brought small teams to the meet. Some 24 athletes qualified for the Far East meet, Humphreys coach Mitch Moellendick said.

**Osan:** The Cougars' "Guam Connection" of Andrea Carandang and Evie Garrido helped Osan girls soccer continue its rebound after an 0-4 start. Carandang got her ninth goal, assisted by Garrido, and Osan blanked Daegu 1-0 on Friday, then shut out E.J. King 1-0 on Saturday. Osan, the defending D-II champion, is now 6-5-1.

**Seoul American:** The Falcons girls softball team is 7-0 after Jihye Rhodes pitched and batted the Falcons past Daegu 13-7 and Osan 8-2 on Saturday.

**Kadena:** There's something about the 73rd minute and Okinawa girls soccer. For the second straight match, a Kadena-Kubasaki match was decided by a goal with seven minutes left, and off a set piece. Ericka Lunn banged home an Emily Anderson free kick as the Panthers blanked

Kubasaki 1-0.

**Kubasaki:** This time, fully automated timing was in the house as Kubasaki's sprinters, who've already set a Pacific record in the 400 relay, got a more accurate gauge of their performances. Rahman Farnell posted his third sub-11-second 100 with a time of 10.99. The Dragons' 400 relay team clocked 44.22.

**Guam:** Having gotten off to a 3-0-0 start, Panthers girls soccer will get its biggest test of the season this week, visiting longtime power Notre Dame on Thursday and reigning league champion Southern on Saturday.

— Dave Ornauer

## Scoreboard

### Track and field

**Boys**  
Seoul American 175, Humphreys 118, Daegu 53, Seoul Foreign 48, Osan 15, Gyeonggi Suwon 5  
Kubasaki 132, Zion Christian 811, Kadena 801, Okinawa Christian 24  
American School in Japan 1371/2, Kinnick 1091/2, Yokota 86, St. Mary's 66, Zama 55, Christian Academy Japan 16, Edgren 16, Yokohama International 2

**Girls**  
Seoul American 148, Humphreys 147, Daegu 58, Seoul Foreign 40, Osan 21, Gyeonggi Suwon 0  
Kadena 122, Kubasaki 108, Zion Christian 47, Okinawa Christian 16  
Kinnick 168, ASU 137, Seisen 53, Zama 50, Sacred Heart, 41; CAJ 22, Yokota 16, St. Maur 1

### Baseball

ASU 10, Rikkyo Nilza 8  
International School of Brussels 2, St. Mary's 0  
St. Mary's 8, ISB 2  
**DODDS Japan Tournament**  
Kinnick 3-0-1, Zama 2-1-1, Yokota 2-0-2, Edgren 2-2, Perry 1-3, King 0-4.

### Softball

Seoul American 13, Daegu 7  
Seoul American 8, Osan 2  
Osan 8, Daegu 6  
**DODDS Japan Tournament**  
King 13, Perry 9  
Edgren 18, Yokota 12  
King 11, Zama 4  
Kinnick 22, Edgren 0  
Perry 7, Zama 5  
Daegu 5, Osan 0  
Seoul American 10, Daegu 0  
Kadena 2, Tokigusuku-Minami 2  
Grok 1, Kadena 1  
Kubasaki 6, Okinawa Christian 1

### Soccer

**Boys**  
King 1, Daegu 1  
King 5, Daegu 0  
Edgren 1, Yokota 0  
Perry 6, Zama 3  
Yokota 1, Kinnick 0  
Yornel 2, Kadena 5  
Daegu 5, Osan 0  
Seoul American 7, Humphreys 2  
Seoul American 10, Daegu 0  
Kadena 2, Tokigusuku-Minami 2  
Grok 1, Kadena 1  
Kubasaki 6, Okinawa Christian 1  
**Girls**  
Osan 1, King 0  
Daegu 1, King 1  
South Korea  
Seoul American 4, Humphreys 0  
Osan 1, Daegu 0  
Seoul American 7, Daegu 0  
Yokota 1, Edgren 0  
Yornel 2, Kadena 5  
Kinnick 6, Edgren 0  
Kinnick 3, Yokota 3  
Yokota 2, Edgren 0  
Sacred Heart 10, St. Maur 0  
Zama 1, Perry 1



# NHL PLAYOFFS

## Avs down Wild, grab 2-0 lead

By PAT GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Teenager Nathan MacKinnon is growing up fast. Almost as fast as his skates.

The speedy 18-year-old delivered another stellar performance for the Colorado Avalanche, scoring his first NHL postseason goal and dishing out three assists in a 4-2 win over the Minnesota Wild on Saturday.

The baby-faced forward, who was the No. 1 pick last summer, anchored a line that has propelled the Avalanche to a 2-0 series lead. MacKinnon, Gabe Landeskog and Paul Stastny combined for all four goals and six assists Saturday.

"That line was on fire tonight," Avs coach Patrick Roy said. "They were moving the puck really well, skating well."

That's because the Wild simply couldn't catch up to MacKinnon, who zipped through their defense. He now has seven points in the series.

"The skills he's got, the way he skates — I haven't seen anything like it," said Landeskog, who scored twice.

A game the Avalanche seemed to have well in hand turned a little tense late in the third. P.A. Parenteau thought he'd given the Avalanche a 4-1 lead when he scored an empty-net goal.

Only he was ruled offside by the linesman on what appeared to be a wrong call. Then with 1:19 remaining, Marco Scandella made it a one-goal game.

No worries, though, Stastny quickly sealed it in the waning seconds remaining when he scored an empty-netter — off a feed from MacKinnon, of course.

Not that the Avs were overly concerned, given the way Semyon Varlamov was playing. He finished with 30 saves.

"He was huge," Stastny said. "That's stuff we expect from him. We feed him we let them score that second one."

Varlamov bottled up the Wild most of the night to help Colorado hold serve at home. Game 3 is Monday night in St. Paul, Minn.



MIRIS LEE, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

St. Louis Blues left wing Chris Porter, right, celebrates a first-period goal in Game 2 of their first-round playoff series with the Chicago Blackhawks on Saturday in St. Louis. The Blues won 4-3 in overtime, their second straight overtime win to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

## Blues rally for another OT win

St. Louis puts champ Chicago in 2-0 hole on Jackman's game-winner

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Vladimir Tarasenko and St. Louis were in trouble Saturday before a vicious hit by Chicago defenseman Brent Seabrook provided an opening for the Blues.

That little crack was all St. Louis needed to put another dent in the Blackhawks' bid for a second straight Stanley Cup title.

Seabrook's blow to the head of David Backes led to a 6-on-4 power play for St. Louis that ended with Tarasenko's tying goal with 64 seconds left in regulation, and low-scoring defenseman Barret Jackman ended the game with a drive through traffic, giving the Blues their second straight 4-3 overtime victory over the Blackhawks and a 2-0 series lead.

"Those seeing-eye shots, I couldn't believe it went in," Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said.

St. Louis took the opener in triple overtime and fought off a Chicago rally in a game that began

less than 39 hours later. Game 3 is Monday night in Chicago.

Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford tossed his equipment around in the locker room before meeting with reporters. He said he was screened a bit on the game winner, adding, "I had my pads together, but there was a little space there and it just kind of squeezed through."

Jackman is the longest-tenured Blues player in a career dating to 2002, and totaled three goals and 15 points in the regular season. He has two career playoff goals, both in overtime.

St. Louis rallied after Seabrook received a five-minute major and a game misconduct penalty for his hit on Backes that could lead to a suspension for one of Chicago's top defensemen. The Blues captain had to be helped off the ice, went straight to the locker room and did not return for the extra period.

"I have no thoughts on the hit, that's up the league," Hitchcock said. "How do you think he is? Not great. Let the league deal with it."

Instead of retaliating, the Blues stuck up for Backes by sticking to the game plan. "We really have to keep just pushing forward," Shattenkirk said. "Whatever happens, just keep a positive mindset, a clear mind."

Tarasenko's second goal of the series was a wrist shot that banged off the right post and in. Kevin Shattenkirk had the goal and two assists for the Blues, who also got a goal from Chris Porter.

Duncan Keith, Seabrook and Michael Rozsival scored in a span of five shots to put the Blackhawks up 3-2 early in the third. But Seabrook's penalty proved costly and the Blackhawks got no help from a power play that went 0-for-4 and is 0-for-9 since Seabrook scored on their first chance in Game 1.

Tarasenko made the most of the Blues' 6-on-4 advantage after pulling goalie Ryan Miller.

Keith's goal late in the second ended a scoring drought of 119 minutes and 27 seconds for Chicago since a three-goal first period in Game 1.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

(Best-of-7; 4-0 necessary)

Detroit 1, Boston 0

Sunday: Detroit at Boston

Tuesday: Boston at Detroit

Thursday: Boston at Detroit

x-Saturday: Detroit at Boston

x-April 26: Boston at Detroit

x-April 26: Detroit at Boston

Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 0

Sunday: Tampa Bay at OT

Sunday: Tampa Bay at Montreal

Tuesday: Tampa Bay at Montreal

x-Thursday: Montreal at Tampa Bay

x-April 27: Tampa Bay at Montreal

x-April 28: Montreal at Tampa Bay

Pittsburgh 1, Columbus 1

Saturday: Columbus at Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3

Saturday: Columbus at Pittsburgh

Monday: Pittsburgh at Columbus

x-April 30: Columbus at Pittsburgh

Saturday: Columbus at Pittsburgh

x-April 28: Pittsburgh at Columbus

x-April 30: Columbus at Pittsburgh

N.Y. Rangers 1, Philadelphia 0

N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1

Sunday: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers

Sunday: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia

Friday: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia

x-April 27: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers

x-April 28: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia

x-April 30: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers

### Western Conference

Colorado 2, Minnesota 0

Colorado 5, Minnesota 4 OT

Sunday: Colorado at Minnesota

Monday: Colorado at Minnesota

x-April 30: Minnesota at Colorado

x-Saturday: Minnesota at Colorado

x-April 28: Colorado at Minnesota

x-April 30: Minnesota at Colorado

St. Louis 4, Chicago 0

St. Louis 4, Chicago 3 OT

Saturday: St. Louis at Chicago

Saturday: St. Louis at Chicago

Wednesday: St. Louis at Chicago

Friday: Chicago at St. Louis

x-April 27: St. Louis at Chicago

x-April 29: Chicago at St. Louis

x-April 30: Dallas 0

Anaheim 4, Dallas 3

Monday: Anaheim at Dallas

Monday: Anaheim at Dallas

x-Friday: Dallas at Anaheim

x-April 27: Anaheim at Dallas

x-April 28: Dallas at Anaheim

San Jose 1, Los Angeles 0

San Jose 1, Los Angeles 0

Sunday: Los Angeles at San Jose

Thursday: San Jose at Los Angeles

Friday: San Jose at Los Angeles

x-April 28: Los Angeles at San Jose

x-April 30: Los Angeles at San Jose

### Saturday

Blue Jackets 4, Penguins 3 (2OT)

Columbus 1, 1 1 0 1-4

Pittsburgh 3, 0 0 0-3

1st Period—1, Pittsburgh, Gibbons 1 (Niskanen, Crosby), 3:30; 2, Pittsburgh, Gibbons 2 (Martin, Orpik), 4:24 (ot); 3, Columbus, Johnson 1 (Savard, Murray), 5:07 (pp); 4, Pittsburgh, Niskanen 2 (Martin, Crosby), 17:52 (pp).

2nd Period—3, Columbus, Calvert 1 (Anisimov, Savard), 7:31 (sh).

3rd Period—1, Columbus, Johnson 2 (Johansen, Jensen), 13:59 (pp).

Second Overtime—Columbus, Calvert 2 (Atkinson, Dubinsky), 1:10.

Shots on goal—Columbus 4-15; Pittsburgh 4-45.

Power-play opportunities—Columbus 2 of 4; Pittsburgh 1 of 3.

Goalies—Columbus, Bobrovsky 1-1-0 (45-41).

A—18,619 (18,387). T—3:31.

Blues 4, Blackhawks 3 (OT)

Chicago 0, 1 1 2 0-3

1st Period—1, St. Louis, Porter 1 (Leopold, Shattenkirk), 7:08; 2, St. Louis, Shattenkirk 1 (Schwartz, Sobota), 12:58.

2nd Period—3, Chicago, Keith 1 (Versteeg, Seabrook), 17:28.

3rd Period—4, Chicago, Seabrook 2 (Saad, Orpik), 4:53; 5, Chicago, Rozsival 1 (Saad), 6:38; 6, St. Louis, Tarasenko 2 (Petrangelo, Shattenkirk), 19:53 (pp).

Overtime—1, St. Louis, Jackman 1 (Polak, Sobota), 5:50.

Shots on goal—Chicago 10-13; St. Louis 9-9; 6-7-31.

Power-play opportunities—Chicago 0 of 4; St. Louis 1 of 9.

Shots on goal—Chicago, Crawford 9-2-0 (31 sh; 2-7 saves); St. Louis, Miller 2-0-0 (28-25).

A—19,639 (19,150). T—3:02.

Avalanche 4, Wild 2

Minnesota 1, 0 1 2-0

1st Period—1, Minnesota, Coyne 2 (Nolan, Suter), 4:18; 2, Colorado, McKinnon 1 (Stastny, Tordella), 11:59.

2nd Period—3, Colorado, Landeskog 2 (McKinnon, Stastny), 8:4; 4, Colorado, Landeskog 3 (Stastny, McKinnon), 11:59.

3rd Period—5, Minnesota, Scandella 1 (Kovach, Pantoja), 8:20; 6, Colorado, Stastny 1 (McKinnon), 19:45 (en-pp).

Shots on goal—Minnesota 10-9-13-32.

Colorado 11-9-9-29.

Goalies—Minnesota, Bryzgalov 6-2-0 (14 sh; 1-7 saves); Colorado, Varlamov 1-1-0 (32-30).

A—18,402 (18,007). T—2:41.

## Blue Jackets edge Penguins in 2OT

By WILL GRAVES  
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Matt Calvert's first career playoff goal gave the Columbus Blue Jackets a badly needed boost. His second ended 4:493 days of futility for a franchise that is quickly morphing from laughingstock to something considerably more potent.

Calvert banged his own rebound past Marc-Andre Fleury 1:10 into the second overtime and the Columbus Blue Jackets earned their first Stanley Cup playoff win with a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday.

Fleury stuffed the initial shot by

Cam Atkinson but Calvert stood all alone at the left post. His first shot went into the goaltender's right pad. He roofed his second into the top of the net to even the Eastern Conference quarterfinals at one game each. Game 3 is Monday in Columbus.

The Blue Jackets trailed 3-1 after the first period, but Calvert's short-handed goal 7:31 into the second changed the game.

"It gave hope to our guys," Columbus coach Todd Richards said. "It was 3-1 at the time and we scored to make it 3-2. You could feel it on the bench. After that I felt we played a very strong game."

Jack Johnson eventually tied

it with 6:01 left in regulation. Ryan Johansen also scored the first playoff goal of his career for Columbus.

Brian Gibbons scored twice and Matt Niskanen added his second goal of the playoffs, but Pittsburgh was outplayed for much of the game. The Blues made 41 stops, but was helpless on the game-winner.

Both teams traded quality chances in the first overtime, but there was no back-and-forth in the second extra session. Brandon Dubinsky started the winning play by finding Atkinson in front and Pittsburgh's defense offered little resistance until the puck was on Calvert's stick for the winner.



GENE J. PUSKAS/AP

Columbus Blue Jackets' Jack Johnson (7) celebrates his goal in the third period against the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday.

# AUTO RACING/BOXING/SPORTS BRIEFS

## Chinese Grand Prix

# Hamilton wins third F1 race

By JUSTIN BERGMAN  
The Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton captured his third straight Formula One race with ease on Sunday, leading from start to finish to win the Chinese Grand Prix.

Mercedes showed again that it's in a different class from its rivals, with Hamilton's teammate Nico Rosberg taking second place — the third time in four races this season the pair have finished one-two.

"This is a team on a roll, that's for sure," Hamilton said. "I'm going to be working hard, we're going to keep working hard because obviously the others are pushing to catch us."

Ferrari's Fernando Alonso held off fast-charging Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo to finish third and give his team its first podium finish of the year, with new team principal Marco Mattiacci watching from the garage.

Ricciardo was fourth, finishing one place ahead of teammate Sebastian Vettel after the four-time defending world champion was faster by his team to allow the faster Ricciardo to pass for the second race in a row.

Hamilton's win gave him his first career hat trick following his victories in Malaysia and Bahrain. The Briton may have even had a fourth win this season but was forced to retire in the season-opener in Australia after starting from pole position due to engine trouble.

Hamilton, who moved one ahead of Jim Clark for most poles by a British driver with the 34th of his career in Shanghai, was cruising so comfortably at the end of Sunday's race that he actually lost track of how many laps he had left.

"That was very strange," he said. "I was coming across the line expecting to do another lap and, all of a sudden, I looked for a split second and I saw the (checkered) flag."

With the win, he inched closer to his teammate's lead in the drivers' championship with 75 points, just four behind Rosberg.



EUGENE HOSHINO/AP

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton celebrates after winning the Chinese Grand Prix at Shanghai International Circuit on Sunday.



LUIS M. ALVAREZ/AP

Beibut Shumenov, left, takes a punch from Bernard Hopkins in their IBF, WBA and IBA Light Heavyweight World Championship unification bout on Saturday in Washington. Hopkins won by split decision.

# Hopkins wins on split decision

By KEVIN DUNLEAVY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Already the oldest boxer in history to hold a world championship, 49-year-old Bernard Hopkins became the oldest to win a unification bout Saturday night as he captured a split 12-round decision over Beibut Shumenov of Kazakhstan.

Afterward, the Philadelphia native sounded far from finished — or satisfied.

"The pound-for-pound best fighter in the world right now is Floyd 'Money' Mayweather," Hopkins said. "I'll tell you, behind Andre Ward, who I believe is second and should be, I'm not that far from the top three. I'm just telling you, I'm not done yet."

Hopkins was in complete control and it was reflected in the statistics. Of the 608 punches thrown by Shumenov, only 20 percent landed. Of the 383 punches Hopkins threw, he landed 49 percent.

"I didn't do that when I was 30," Hopkins joked. "He was really surprised the way I could stand

there and let him miss."

When the split decision was announced the pro-Hopkins crowd of 6,823 jeered its disapproval. Two judges scored the fight 116-111 for Hopkins. The other judge gave the nod to Shumenov 114-113.

If there was any doubt about the outcome, it was removed in the 11th round when Hopkins rocked Shumenov with a chopping overhand right for the only knockdown of the fight, igniting chants of "B-Hop! B-Hop!" from the partisan crowd at the D.C. Armory.

It was a reminder for Hopkins of 20 years ago, when he fought for the first time in Washington, losing a decision to Roy Jones Jr. at RFK Stadium, right across the street from Saturday's venue.

"It motivates me every time I come to D.C. The dressing rooms, it took me back," said Hopkins, who improved to 55-6-2.

After a slow start, in which he fought defensively, Hopkins controlled the action, growing confident, aggressive and playful as the fight progressed.

The fourth round saw Shumenov

moving forward, but Hopkins landed the two best shots, both right-handed counterpunches, to secure the edge. In the fifth, Hopkins was doing more than counterpunching. A straight overhand right landed squarely to the cheek of Shumenov.

By the sixth round, it was clear that Hopkins' confidence was growing as he became the aggressor, initiating the action and landing a big combination.

In the seventh round, Hopkins was feeling so good that he alternated leading with his right and left hands, befuddling Shumenov, who fell to 14-2.

Hopkins-Shumenov was one of three world title fights on Saturday. In the first, Peter Quillin of Brooklyn, N.Y., retained his WBO middleweight belt and improved to 31-0 with a unanimous 12-round decision over Lukas Konecny of the Czech Republic.

In the IBF welterweight title match, Shawn Porter of Cleveland also remained undefeated with a fourth-round knockout of Brooklyn's Paulie Malignaggi.

## Briefly

# Wawrinka rallies past Federer

The Associated Press

MONACO — Stanislas Wawrinka won the Monte Carlo Masters for the first time after rallying to beat Roger Federer 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2 in a rare all-Swiss final on Sunday.

The Australian Open champion had lost his previous two Masters finals and looked like losing a third until Federer's level dropped suddenly late in the second set, and Wawrinka began troubling the 17-time Grand Slam champion with his aggressive backhand.

The fourth-seeded Federer, who accepted a wild card invitation to play in the tournament, was also looking to win it for the first time after losing his three previous finals here to eight-time champion Rafael Nadal from 2006-08.

Nadal was beaten Federer only twice in 15 matches but both victories have come here.

## Yanks' Nova on DL with elbow ligament tear

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — New York Yankees right-hander Ivan Nova has a partial tear of the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow and was placed on the 15-day disabled list Sunday.

Nova left Saturday night's game against Tampa Bay in the fifth inning. An MRI exam after the game revealed the injury.

Nova will be further examined Monday in New York by Yankees team physician Dr. Chris Ahmad.

## Miami honors Ravens' Harbaugh with statue

OXFORD, Ohio — Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh was added to Miami University's Cradle of Coaches on Saturday. He unveiled a sculpture of himself with right arm raised in triumph on the Baltimore sideline — something he did only half the time last season at 8-8.

# Boxer Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter dies at 76

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, the boxer whose wrongful murder conviction became an international symbol of racial injustice, died Sunday. He was 76.

He had been stricken with prostate cancer in Toronto, the New Jersey native's adopted home. John Artis, a longtime friend and caregiver, said Carter died in his sleep.

Carter spent 19 years in prison for three murders at a tavern in Paterson, N.J., in 1966. He was convicted alongside Artis in 1967 and again in a new trial in 1976.

Carter was freed in November 1985 when his convictions were set aside after years of appeals and public advocacy. His ordeal and the alleged racial motivations behind it were publicized in Bob Dylan's 1975 song "Hurricane," several books and a 1999 film starring Denzel Washington, who received an Academy Award nomination for playing the boxer turned prisoner.

Carter's murder convictions abruptly ended the boxing career of a former petty criminal who became an undersized middleweight contender largely on ferocity and punching power.

Although never a world champion, Carter went 27-12-1 with 19 knockouts, memorably stopping two-division champ Emile Griffith in the first round in 1963. He also fought for a middleweight title in December 1964, losing a unanimous decision to Joey Giardello.

In June 1966, three white people were shot by two black men at the Lafayette Bar and Grill in Paterson. Carter and Artis were convicted by an all-white jury largely on the testimony of two thieves who later recanted their stories.

Carter was granted a new trial and briefly freed in 1976, but sent back for nine more years after being convicted in a second trial.

"I wouldn't give up," Carter said in an interview on PBS in 2011. "No matter that they

sentenced me to three life terms in prison. I wouldn't give up. Just because a jury of 12 misinformed people... found me guilty did not make me guilty. And because I was not guilty, I refused to act like a guilty person."

With a network of friends and volunteers also advocating for him, Carter eventually won his release from U.S. District Judge H. Lee Sarokin, who wrote that Carter's prosecution had been "predicated upon an appeal to racism rather than reason, and concealment rather than disclosure."

Born on May 6, 1937, into a family of seven children, Carter struggled with a hereditary speech impediment and was sent to a juvenile reform center at 12 after an assault. He escaped and joined the Army in 1954, experiencing racial segregation and learning to box while in West Germany.

Carter began his pro boxing career in 1961 after his release, winning 20 of his first 24 fights mostly by stoppage.





## MLB

## NL roundup

## Lethargic Harper yanked

Nats' manager cites 'lack of hustle' for star's benching

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bryce Harper hit the ball to the mound, jogged to first base and took a right turn to the dugout before getting halfway down the baselines.

That would be his final play in the Washington Nationals' 4-3 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday.

First-year manager Matt Williams will tolerate physical miscues, such as the error that provided St. Louis three unearned runs, but he won't take the non-chance that the normally aggressive Harper displayed during his sixth-inning jog.

"Lack of hustle. That's why he came out of the game," Williams said. "He and I made an agreement, this team made an agreement, that when we play the game, that we hustle at all times."

Now in his third season, the 21-year-old Harper is one of Washington's brightest lights and already a two-time All-Star. The outfielder once ran into a wall in the relentless pursuit of a fly ball, but on this day Harper was left explaining his casual approach on a comebacker.

"I respect what he did," Harper said of Williams' decision. "That's the part of the game."

Harper was replaced by Kevin Frandsen, who entered as Washington's left fielder in the seventh and assumed Harper's position as the second batter in the lineup.

In the ninth inning, Frandsen came to the plate with runners on second and third with one out and Washington trailing 4-2. He drove in a run with a groundout before Jayson Werth struck out on three

pitches against Trevor Rosenthal, who earned his fifth save.

"Kevin Frandsen put on a nice 'AB' against Rosenthal," Williams said, "but [Harper's] spot came up with the ability to win the game. And that's a shame for his teammates." Said Harper: "Man, that's tough to watch, not being able to be up there in that situation. It's something that I thrive on and I want to be in. You know, it's in the past and there's nothing we can do about it now."

Harper went 0-for-3 before being pulled and is batting .295.

"People come pay money to watch him play the way he can play," Williams said. "And it's pretty exciting. It's pretty dynamic. But there's another side to it. And the other side is that regardless of how the ball comes off the bat or regardless of how he's feeling about an at-bat, he must maintain that intensity and that aggressiveness. And that means running all the way to first base and touching the base."

Harper was scratched from a game Wednesday with a sore quadriceps, but Williams didn't view that as a reason to stop short of running 90 feet to first base.

**Cubs 8, Reds 4:** Darwin Barney and Wellington Castillo hit two-run homers, Mike Olt added a solo shot and host Chicago ended a five-game losing streak.

**Brewers 8, Pirates 7:** Ryan Braun hit two homers, including a two-run shot with two outs in the ninth inning that sent host Milwaukee past Pittsburgh.

Braun has five home runs this season after being suspended for

the final 65 games last year for his involvement in the Biogenesis drug scandal. The other three homers came in one game on April 8 at Philadelphia.

**Braves 7, Mets 5:** Jordan Walden got the final out with the bases loaded after Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez pulled star closer Craig Kimbrel, and the host Braves held off New York.

Freddie Freeman had three hits and hustled his way through a weird play that brought the Braves two runs when the Mets were unable to challenge a costly incorrect call.

**Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 6:** Andre Ethier hit a three-run homer and Los Angeles rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat Arizona.

Dan Haren (3-0) was charged with five runs — two earned — and seven hits over 7 1/3 innings.

**Rockies 3, Phillies 1:** Jordan Lyles pitched effectively into the eighth inning and Justin Morneau hit a two-run homer to lead host Colorado. The Rockies were also helped by a reversed call that produced their first run.

**Padres 3, Giants 1:** Eric Stults and three relievers combined on a four-hitter and Everth Cabrera hit a go-ahead triple to lead host San Diego over San Francisco.

## Interleague

**Marlins 7, Mariners 0:** Henderson Alvarez won for the first time since his no-hitter to end the 2013 season, pitching a two-hitter to help host Miami beat Seattle.

Alvarez (1-2) retired the first 15 batters en route to the third complete game of his career.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

The Nationals' Bryce Harper turns around between first and second after flying out to right field during the third inning Saturday against the Cardinals. Harper was pulled early from the game after manager Matt Williams said the young outfielder didn't hustle.

## AL roundup

## Scherzer, Tigers end 10-game skid against Angels

The Associated Press

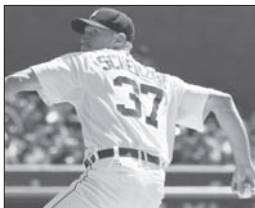
DETROIT — Max Scherzer gave Detroit's beleaguered bullpen a bit of a breather.

Scherzer struck out nine in seven innings — fanning Mike Trout three times in the process — and the Detroit Tigers finally managed to beat the Los Angeles Angels, 5-2 on Saturday.

Detroit had dropped 10 straight to the Angels, including an 11-6 loss the previous night in which Los Angeles battered the Tigers with 10 extra-base hits.

"I realized it was important to get deep into the game, and that's why we even after the sixth inning I said, 'Let me go back out there,'" Scherzer said. "I know our bullpen has been taxed as of late."

Nick Castellanos and Victor Martinez homered for the Tigers, who beat the Angels for the first time since Aug. 26, 2012. Albert Pujols hit his 49th homer, connecting for a solo shot in the ninth for Los Angeles.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Tigers starter Max Scherzer struck out nine Angels in seven innings on Saturday.

Scherzer (1-1) allowed a run and three hits with two walks. The AL Cy Young Award winner struck Pujols out twice and shut down Trout, rebounding quickly after giving up a homer to J.B. Shuck to lead off the game.

"Some days you've just got to tip your cap," [Scherzer] made a few good pitches," Trout said. "He's got good life on his fast-ball. The ball, in the middle, kind of rises up from that kind of sidearm motion."

Joba Chamberlain struck out two in the eighth for the Tigers, and Joe Nathan got Trout looking to start the ninth. It was Trout's first career four-strikeout game.

**Blue Jays 5, Indians 0:** Mark Buehrle pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and remained unbeaten this season, leading visiting Toronto over Cleveland. Buehrle (4-0), who has thrown two no-hitters through five innings before the Kansas City bullpen took over, shutting down visit-

ing Minnesota.

The Royals have won five straight after getting swept last weekend in Minnesota.

**Athletics 4, Astros 3:** Josh Reddick hit an RBI single that capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning as host Oakland handed Houston its sixth straight loss.

Jed Lowrie started the comeback with a leadoff home run against Chad Qualls (0-1).

**Rays 16, Yankees 1:** Ryan Hanigan homered twice and had six RBIs, and Tampa Bay starter Chris Archer continued his dominance over visiting New York.

Hanigan drove in his final two runs with a single off New York infielder Dean Anna, who gave up two runs and three hits in the eighth inning.

**Rangers 6, White Sox 3:** Colby Lewis pitched into the sixth inning for his first win in nearly two years and Prince Fielder homered to lead host Texas over Chicago.

Lewis (1-1) struck out four while allowing only one run over 5 1/3 innings.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

# Durant, Thunder hold off Grizzlies' gritty late rally

By CLIFF BRUNT  
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant put a dazzling end to Memphis' gritty comeback.

The Grizzlies erased most of a 25-point deficit before Durant, the league's scoring champion, got hot. He scored 13 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter to help the Oklahoma City Thunder defeat Memphis 100-86 on Saturday night in the opening game of their first-round playoff series.

The Thunder already were regaining control in the fourth quarter before Durant took over. He scored 11 points in a 5-minute, 21-second surge that stretched Oklahoma City's lead from seven points to 14 and put the game out of reach.

"We just stayed together," Durant said. "We made plays in the fourth quarter. The third quarter was tough for us, but we stayed together. We didn't stray away."

Russell Westbrook had 23 points and 10 rebounds and Serge Ibaka added 17 points and nine rebounds for the Thunder.

Zach Randolph led Memphis with 21 points and 11 rebounds, but he made just seven of 21 shots and got into foul trouble in the second half. Mike Conley had 16 points and 11 assists. Marc Gasol scored 16 points and Tony Allen added 13 points for the Grizzlies. Memphis might have stolen the game if not for a miserable first half.

"We've got to make adjustments, to get off to a better start," Randolph said. "We can't exert so much energy trying to come back from 20 points. It's the first game, we've got to stick together. We've been here before, we know what we've got to do and come out and be ready for Monday."

Memphis shot just 36 percent from the field and made just 18 of 31 free throws.

"We got good looks. I can't say it was anything other than that," Conley said. "We got good looks."



Grizzlies center Marc Gasol shoots as Thunder forward Serge Ibaka, right, defends during the fourth quarter Saturday in Oklahoma City. The Thunder won 100-86.

We got some open throws. Our bugs got some good looks in the post. We just didn't knock them down. We have to be more focused at the line as well. Making free throws is a big deal for us. We got opportunities. We've got to make them."

Oklahoma City was the only home team to win on the first day of the postseason, but the Thunder nearly made four losses for higher seeds after getting outscored 31-13 in the third quarter.

"We didn't want to be the leading trend on losing a home game," Westbrook said. "We're just happy we won a game. We did great job of just coming out and hitting them first. They're a physical team and we did a great job of going by our game plan."

The Thunder pushed the pace

to take an 8-0 lead, and Memphis called a timeout less than three minutes into the game. Conley finally scored Memphis' first point at the 9:04 mark after the Grizzlies missed their first five shots.

The Thunder led 29-16 at the end of the first period. Oklahoma City shot 52 percent in the first 12 minutes while holding the Grizzlies to 17 percent shooting.

Though Oklahoma City held on, Memphis will take confidence from its rally into Game 2.

"We see what we did," Randolph said. "I think we cut it down to two, and they made another run, but we see what we can do. We know what we can do and we've got to come like that at the beginning of the game."

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

**FIRST ROUND (Best-of-seven) (x-if necessary)**  
**Atlanta 1, Indiana 0**  
Saturday: Atlanta 101, Indiana 93  
**Tuesday:** at Indiana  
**Thursday:** at Atlanta  
**Saturday, April 26:** at Atlanta  
**x-Thursday, May 1:** at Atlanta  
**x-Monday, May 5:** at Indiana  
**x-Tuesday, May 6:** at Charlotte  
**Sunday:** at Miami  
**Wednesday:** at Miami  
**Saturday, April 26:** at Charlotte  
**Monday, April 28:** at Charlotte  
**x-Wednesday, April 30:** at Miami  
**x-Friday, May 2:** at Charlotte  
**x-Sunday, May 4:** at Miami  
**Brooklyn 1, Toronto 0**  
**Saturday:** Brooklyn 94, Toronto 87  
**Tuesday:** at Toronto  
**Friday, April 25:** at Brooklyn  
**Sunday, April 27:** at Brooklyn  
**x-Wednesday, April 30:** at Toronto  
**x-Friday, May 2:** at Brooklyn  
**x-Sunday, May 4:** at Toronto  
**Chicago vs. Washington**  
**Sunday:** at Chicago  
**Tuesday:** at Chicago  
**Friday, April 25:** at Washington  
**Sunday, April 27:** at Washington  
**x-Thursday, April 29:** at Chicago  
**x-Thursday, May 1:** at Washington  
**x-Saturday, May 3:** at Chicago

### Western Conference

**FIRST ROUND (Best-of-seven) (x-if necessary)**  
**San Antonio vs. Dallas**  
**Sunday:** at San Antonio  
**Wednesday:** at San Antonio  
**Saturday, April 26:** at Dallas  
**x-Monday, April 28:** at Dallas  
**x-Wednesday, April 30:** at San Antonio  
**x-Friday, May 2:** at Dallas  
**x-Sunday, May 4:** at San Antonio  
**Oklahoma City 1, Memphis 0**  
**Saturday:** Oklahoma City 100, Memphis 86  
**Monday:** at Oklahoma City  
**Thursday:** at Oklahoma City  
**Friday, April 26:** at Memphis  
**Saturday, April 28:** at Memphis  
**x-Thursday, May 1:** at Oklahoma City  
**x-Friday, May 2:** at Memphis  
**Sunday:** Golden State 109, L.A. Clippers 96  
**Monday:** at L.A. Clippers  
**Thursday:** at Golden State  
**Sunday, April 27:** at Golden State  
**x-Tuesday, April 29:** at L.A. Clippers  
**x-Thursday, April 30:** at L.A. Clippers  
**x-Saturday, May 3:** at L.A. Clippers  
**Sunday:** at Houston  
**Wednesday:** at Houston  
**Friday, April 26:** at Portland  
**Sunday, April 27:** at Portland  
**x-Thursday, April 30:** at Houston  
**x-Friday, May 2:** at Portland  
**x-Sunday, May 4:** at Houston

### Saturday

#### Nets 84, Raptors 87

**BROOKLYN** — Johnson 8-13 8-8 24, Williams 8-20 6-24, Livingston 4-6 2-6 10, Plumlee 1-1 0-2, Blatche 2-5 1-2 5, Thornton 0-1 1-2. Totals 34-60 22-27 94.  
**PORTLAND** — Johnson 1-0 0-2, Valanciunas 7-13 3-4 17, Lowry 1-0 0-0, Vasquez 5-11 5-18, Patterson 0-0 0-0 0-0, De Colo 0-0 0-0, Hanrahour 0-0 0-2 2, Novak 0-0 0-0, Hayes 0-1 0-1 0. Totals 28-57 11-21 69.  
**Toronto** 21 25 16 25-87

**Three-Point Goals**—Brooklyn 4-24 (Plumlee 2-5, Williams 1-4, Johnson 1-1, Anderson 0-3, Thornton 0-4, Teletovich 0-5). Toronto 8-23 (Vasquez 3-5, Lowry 1-7, Patterson 1-1, Ross 1-4, Salmon 0-1, DeLozan 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 10, Indiana 93. (Johnson 8, Toront 22, 4, Sarnett, Johnson 8). Toront 52 (Valanciunas 18). Assists—Brooklyn 16 (LJohnson, Pierce 4), Toronto 22 (DeLozan 10). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 19, Toronto 23. Technicals—Blatche 2, Sarnett—13,800 (19,800).

### Hawks 101, Pacers 93

**ATLANTA** — Carroll 4-7 2-12, Millsap 7-19 5-12, Antic 3-7 0-8, Teague 9-19 10-28, Korver 5-12 0-12, Brand 0-0 0-0, Williams 1-3 4-6, Mack 3-7 0-10, Scott 1-2 0-2, Martin 0-0 0-0. Totals 75-229 101-93.  
**INDIANA** — George 6-18 9-12 24, West 4-10 0-8, Hibbert 4-9 0-2 8, G.Hill 5-8 2-12, Stephenson 5-18 0-19, Scott 0-5 2-2 2, Turner 4-6 0-0 3, Watson 2-4 0-0 6, Marshall 1-2 3-4 5. Totals 34-81 19-33 86.  
**Atlanta** 22 28 20 21-101  
**Three-Point Goals**—Atlanta 11-30 (Millsap 2-4, Carroll 2-4, Mack 2-5, Antic 2-5, Korver 2-7, Teague 1-3, Scott 0-1, Williams 0-1). Indiana 9-21 (Stephenson 3-6, George 3-8, Watson 2-2, Turner 1-1, West 0-1, Hibbert 0-1, G.Hill 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 48 (Carroll 10, Indiana 54 (George 10)). Assists—Atlanta 13 (Teague 5), Indiana 19 (George 5). Total Fouls—Atlanta 20, Indiana 25. Technicals—Antic, West, A.—18,165 (18,165).

### Thunder 100, Grizzlies 86

**MEMPHIS** — Prince 0-1 0-0, Randolph 7-21 7-12 21, Gasol 7-19 2-5 16, Conley 6-16 4-5 16, Lee 4-0 0-8, Allen 6-12 1-13, Udrih 1-4 1-3, Miller 1-6 0-0 3, Koufos 0-1 0-2, Johnson 1-3 1-2 4, Odoms 0-0 0-0, Leuer 0-1 0-0. Totals 33-91 31-81 86.  
**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Durant 13-25 4-6 33, Ibaka 6-5 0-3 17, Perkins 1-1 0-0, Westbrook 8-19 7-23, Sefolosha 0-1 0-0 0, Adams 1-0 1-3, Butler 3-7 0-5, Williams 0-1 0-0, Jackson 1-5 7-8, Fisher 1-3 2-2, Lamb 0-0 0-0. Totals 34-76 28-32 100.

**Memphis** 16 18 31 21-86  
**Oklahoma City** 29 27 31-100  
**Three-Point Goals**—Memphis 2-11 (Conley 1-1, Miller 1-2, Allen 0-0, Udrih 0-0, 0-0), Oklahoma City 4-16 (Durant 3-7, Butler 1-1, Fisher 0-1, Jackson 0-1, Williams 0-1). Assists—Atlanta 13 (Teague 5), Indiana 19 (George 5). Total Fouls—Atlanta 20, Indiana 25. Technicals—Allen, A.—18,203 (18,203).

### Warriors 109, Clippers 105

**GOLDEN STATE** — Igoudala 3-6 2-8, Lee 8-13 4-20, O'Neal 6-9 1-11, Curry 6-16 0-14, Thompson 7-20 4-22, D.Green 2-5 4-7, Blake 1-3 0-3, H.Barnes 4-11 3-6 14, Spellman 3-5 0-0, J.Crawford 0-2 2-2, J.Armstrong 0-0 0-0. Totals 40-85 18-29 109.  
**CLIPPERS** — Griffin 6-13 4-16, Jordan 4-5 3-11, Paul 6-13 3-11, D.Green 1-3 0-0, H.Barnes 3-6 0-6, J.Crawford 2-11 4-6 9, Odoms 3-9 4-6 8, McGruder 1-6 1-13, Turkoglu 0-0 0-0 0, Hollins 0-0 0-0. Totals 30-78 32-76.  
**Golden State** 24 28 35 22-109  
**Clippers** 24 28 35 22-105

**Three-Point Goals**—Golden State 11-27 (Thompson 4-7, H.Barnes 3-6, Curry 2-4, Thompson 2-4, D.Green 2-4, J.Crawford 0-1). L.A. Clippers 10-22 (Paul 3-6, D.Green 1-3, H.Barnes 1-1, O'Neal 0-1, Granger 0-2). Fouled Out—Igoudala, Griffin, Rebounds—Golden State 48 (Lee 12), Clippers 42 (Jordan 10, Paul 10). Total Fouls—Golden State 26 (Curry 7), L.A. Clippers 25 (Paul 8). Technicals—O'Neal, Golden State 13, Clippers 13. Double Double—Curry 22, Paul 22.

# Warriors edge foul-troubled Clippers in Game 1

By BETH HARRIS  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Golden State Warriors stumbled out of the gate, missing their first eight shots while falling behind by 11 points and forcing coach Mark Jackson to call two timeouts to steady his young team.

Stephen Curry glanced at the clock and realized there was still plenty of time left to knock off the Los Angeles Clippers.

Klay Thompson scored 22 points, spiking the ball as time expired, and Golden State beat Los Angeles 109-105 after getting Blake Griffin and Chris Paul in foul trouble in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series on Saturday.

"A big way to start the series," Curry said. "We've been resilient all year. We're not going to quit."

David Lee had 20 points despite his own

foul trouble and Curry scored 14 for the Warriors, who rallied in the third when Griffin and Paul were on the bench together.

"I'm proud of my guys," Jackson said. "We just had a tremendous will and competitive spirit."

Game 2 is Monday night at Staples Center.

"The pressure is all on them," Thompson said. "They can't afford to go down 0-2 and go on the road. It's tough to come back down 0-2."

Paul led the Clippers with 28 points, and J.J. Redick added 22 points in 30 minutes. Griffin finished with 16 points, fouling out with 48 seconds left and the game tied at 105. DeAndre Jordan had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

The Warriors built an 11-point lead early in the fourth, helped by back-to-back dunks

by Jermaine O'Neal and Thompson's turnaround fadeaway jumper. Then they withstood Paul's desperate but error-filled bid to bring his team all the way back.

"We made mistakes," Griffin said. "Some of us, myself included, maybe wanted it too much and came in with an expectation. We just need to relax."

Foul trouble plagued both teams, but losing Griffin and Paul for stretches cost the Clippers at both ends. Besides Lee, Andre Igoudala fouled out with 3:04 left in the game.

Paul returned early in the fourth with the Clippers down by double digits. His fast-break layup trimmed Golden State's lead to 98-92. Griffin came back at that point, hitting a hook shot and then leading Paul for a three-point shot that cut their deficit to 100-97 with 3½ minutes left.

Jordan then stepped to the line, having made just 1 of 6 free throws in the game. He hit both and the Clippers got within one. Paul tied it at 102 on a three-pointer.

Darren Collison made one of two free throws, giving the Clippers their first lead since early in the third. But then Collison's block and Jordan's rebound on the defensive end, Paul led a 3-on-1. But Harrison Barnes blocked his 5-footer and then hit a three for the Warriors.

"I probably should have given the ball to J.J. or DC who were running with me," Paul said.

"There were a lot of times where we lost our trust in each other," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "We made too many mistakes to win."

The first half was bogged down by 29 fouls, including 15 on the Warriors.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

## Hawks stun top-seeded Pacers in opener

Teague scores a playoff-high 28 as Atlanta grabs home-court advantage

By MICHAEL MAROT  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Atlanta's Jeff Teague demolished the Pacers' grand playoff plan.

As his teammates set up around the three-point line, Teague simply blew through open lanes to the basket repeatedly.

The Pacers had no answer.

Teague scored a playoff career-high 28 points, Paul Millsap added 25 and the eighth-seeded Hawks won their first road playoff game in three years, shocking top-seeded Indiana 101-93 to take a 1-0 lead in the first-round series.

"I just wanted to win," the Indianapolis native said after beating his hometown team.

Perhaps that's why Teague finally cracked a hesitant smile in the locker room before stepping to the podium.

Or it could be that Teague remembers the frustration Indiana caused when it clinched last year's 4-2 first-round win on Atlanta's home court. As one of the few remaining links to that team, Teague wasn't about to let something like that happen again.

This time, however, aided by a mostly new group of three-point shooters, a first-year coach and a game plan that the Pacers never adapted to, Teague kept getting to basket.

He wound up 9-for-19 from the field and 9-for-10 from the free-throw line with five assists and three rebounds on a night the Hawks snapped an eight-game

road losing streak in the playoffs and became the first team to beat Indiana on its home court twice this season.

Atlanta won its first road playoff game since Game 1 of the 2011 Eastern Conference semifinals at Chicago, and they'll have a chance to do it all again Tuesday in Game 2 before the best-of-seven series moves to Atlanta, where the Pacers have won only two times since December 2006.

"I think getting off to such a good start against such a good team is important," coach Mike Budenholzer said after his fifth win in six games. "It's really not something we talked about. They're the No. 1 seed for a reason."

Meanwhile, the Pacers' stunning struggles showed no sign of abating.

Indiana was just 5-for-19 from the field in the third quarter and shot just 35.6 percent in the second half, a 24-minute span in which it spent most of the time trying to dig out of a double-digit hole.

Paul George had 24 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, while Lance Stephenson finished with 19 points and seven rebounds and George Hill added 12 points.

But the Hawks' ability to spread the floor essentially nullified All-Star center Roy Hibbert, who had eight points and eight rebounds, and David West, who had eight points and three rebounds.

And Indiana wasted no time in giving back the home-court advantage it spent the entire season chasing.



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**The Hawks' Jeff Teague scores two of his playoff career-high 28 points against the Pacers' Roy Hibbert and George Hill (3) during the first half of Game 1 of their Eastern Conference first-round series on Saturday in Indianapolis. The eighth-seeded Hawks won 101-93 to take a 1-0 lead in the series.**

"It's frustrating. It's frustrating, but it's a long series," George said before explaining he believes the Pacers can regain the upper hand — if they figure out how to defend better. "It's just one game and that's the way we have to look at it."

That won't be easy against this team.

Atlanta set a franchise playoff record with 30 three-point attempts and matched the franchise's second-highest playoff total for three-pointers made (11). Both were set May 10, 1996, when the

Hawks were 12-for-27 on threes in a 26-point loss to Orlando.

"I thought our ball movement was great," Kyle Korver said after scoring 12 points. "That's one of the things we've tried to play to all year and tonight it kind of worked out."

## Williams, Johnson set pace for Nets against Raptors

By IAN HARRISON  
The Associated Press

TORONTO — The Brooklyn Nets made a case for the importance of playoff experience in their opening victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Deron Williams and Joe Johnson each had 24 points, Paul Pierce scored nine of his 15 points in the final quarter and the Nets beat the Raptors 94-87 Saturday in Game 1 of their first round series.

Playing in his 137th career postseason game, Pierce connected on four of his five attempts in the fourth as the Nets kept the Raptors at bay.

"You just get that feeling, you've been in those situations a number of times," Pierce said. "I don't get rattled in the fourth quarter, down the stretch or in playoff settings. I've been in pretty much every playoff setting that you can imagine. I just try to stay calm and bring my calmness to the game."

Nets coach Jason Kidd said Williams "set the tone" by scoring 18 points in the first half.

"He came out with high ener-



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**The Nets' Paul Pierce, center, drives to the net against the Raptors' Patrick Patterson, left, during the first half of Game 1 of their Eastern Conference first-round series on Saturday in Toronto.**

gy," Kidd said. "I thought he was looking to be aggressive in scoring the ball. He got the guys off to a good start."

Shaun Livingston scored 10 points and Kevin Garnett had five as the Nets won despite making 4 of 24 three-pointers.

"We didn't shoot well from three tonight but we made up for that by taking care of the ball, good defense down the stretch, making plays offensively," Williams said. "That's why we got the win."

The Nets turned the ball over nine times, while the Raptors had

19, leading to 17 Brooklyn points. "That was the biggest issue," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said.

Kyle Lowry scored 22 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 17 points and 18 rebounds for the Raptors.

Valanciunas is the second Raptors player to have a double-double in his postseason debut. Tracy McGrady had 25 points and 10 rebounds against New York in his first playoff game in 2000.

"He grew up today and that was huge for us," Casey said.

Valanciunas also set a Raptors record for playoff rebounds by surpassing Keon Clark, who had 16 against Detroit in 2002.

Greivis Vasquez had 18 points for the Raptors and DeMar DeRozan had 14 in his playoff debut, making three of 14 field goal attempts.

"DeMar didn't have the best of games" Lowry said. "He'll bounce back for sure."

Trailing by five to start the final quarter, Toronto tied it at 67-67 with 9:50 left thanks to a

three and a fast break layup from Patrick Patterson.

Brooklyn moved back in front thanks to four points from Livingston and a banked jumper by Mirza Teletovic, but the Raptors tied it at 73-73 with 6:25 left on Lowry's driving layup.

Toronto led 77-76 on a three-pointer by Vasquez at 5:15, but the Nets replied with a jumper by Johnson, a turnaround jumper by Garnett and a three-pointer by Pierce to lead 82-76 with 2:58 remaining. Garnett's basket was his first made field goal in five tries.

Kidd said Pierce's assist on Garnett's basket was indicative of Brooklyn's collective trust.

"That just symbolized who we are as a team, that we trust one another no matter what someone is shooting from the floor, how someone is playing, that we all trust that someone is going to step up and make a shot," Kidd said.

Pierce added two more baskets on either side of a three-pointer by Vasquez, and the Nets sealed it with six free throws in the final 22 seconds.



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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Transfer market?

Some concerned with surge in athletes switching schools

By LUKE MEREDITH  
The Associated Press**'I think it's free agency and I think it's going to hurt our game eventually.'**

Tom Izzo

Michigan State coach on the rise of underclassmen transferring with immediate eligibility

One of the more remarkable aspects of Connecticut's national title run was that potential star Rodney Purvis could only watch his Hus-

kies' teammates because of NCAA rules forcing transfers to sit out a year.

"He's like a Ferrari sitting in the garage that I can't drive," UConn coach Kevin Ollie said.

Ollie isn't the only coach watching

their rosters fill up with players who have already made at least one stop at another college.

A recent surge in transfers has turned the once-sleepy late signing period, which this year started Wednesday and runs through May 21, into a monthlong frenzy that has changed college basketball. According to STATS, the number of players who have appeared in a game for more than one Division I school has nearly tripled over the past decade, from 122 in 2004-05 to 325 — or one for nearly every school in the country — in 2013-14.

"It used to be that there was a stigma of some type attached to schools that recruited outside of the high school ranks," San Diego State coach Steve Fisher said. "You were not considered able to compete with the blue bloods. Well, now the blue bloods recruit transfers. They take one-and-dones. They take guys who have graduated and have one year left."

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Temple forward Anthony Lee, left, who averaged 13.6 points last season while collecting an American Athletic Conference-best 8.6 rebounds per game, announced his intention to transfer to Ohio State late last month. Division I coaches are realizing that they can win both now and later with transfers.

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